



## 6<sup>th</sup> European Open Championships Booklet

### Schedule of play

Please find enclosed the final day-by-day programme. Also enclosed you will find the second week presented as a graphical overview that may assist in visualizing the schedule. The first week is fairly straight-forward.

Compared to our initial preliminary communication there is a change concerning the WOMEN and SENIOR TEAMS schedule. They both now start at the same time as the Open Teams (as has been the case in the past), that is Saturday June 22, ending Monday June 24. This earlier start and finish means that women and seniors from their own team event can also try qualifying in the OPEN PAIRS, while still retaining the option to enter the WOMEN/SENIOR PAIRS. Such an option has been requested by many women and senior players, and we are pleased to be able accommodate this. Furthermore, the qualification stage lasts two days and the final stage one day, not the other way around as previously stated.

### Entry fees

Entry fees for the medal events are as originally published.

Entry fees for all side events are EUR 70 per pair respectively EUR 140 per team, per day. No local/junior discounts apply for these events.

Participants not qualifying to the latter stages of a medal event can enter a one-day side event free of charge, thus being guaranteed a minimum of 3 days of play. Those who instead want to enter a two-day event will receive a discount for the second day, paying only EUR 50 per pair respectively EUR 100 per team for the event.



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## **General concept**

Based partly on input from previous participants we have decided to implement various changes compared to past years and will highlight some of them, and their consequences, here:

## **Women and Seniors**

In the past women and seniors playing in their own events could not try to qualify for the Open events. Now they can attempt to qualify in the Open Pairs before deciding on playing in the Women/Senior Pairs. However, for the Teams they still have to choose between Open and Women/Seniors. The enclosed graphical overview of the second week may help understanding the concept.

## **Side events**

We have added daily Open Pairs events and several Open Team events (European Master Points will be awarded in all). This means among other things that:

- Players who are not interested in the longer medal events can participate at an international event, earning EMPs, creating a “festival” feeling.
- Players without mixed partners can still enjoy many competitions during the first week.
- We can avoid B-Finals and similar, which most participants find meaningless, still providing playing opportunities for those eliminated from the qualification stages and waiting for the next medal event.
- Pairs without team-mates still have ample playing opportunities even during the duration of the team events (Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> – Monday 24<sup>th</sup>).
- Local players are given opportunities to play events every day, without committing to a longer stay.

## **Order of Mixed events**

Starting with Mixed Pairs allows those arriving without team-mates time to find them before the Mixed Teams starts.

## **Length of events**

Shortening events somewhat means we can avoid almost all “cross-overs” between events. They created complications for participants and organizers alike, and the sporting fairness was compromised. Only the final day of the Open Teams collide with the first day of Open Pairs qualifying, so partnerships from those 4 teams get to start with the semi-finals of the Open Pairs.

This also allows us avoid any event starting one week and ending the next. Many participants have complained about this in the past since it complicates vacation planning, and often increases accommodation and travel costs, for those not staying both weeks.

## **Format for Team Qualifications**

All qualification stages will be in the Swiss format, no Round Robin in groups. This avoids the imperfect seeding procedure, particularly in case of “no-shows” or late entries. Of course the overall length of the events also makes two different qualifying stages impractical.



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Date & Time	Event (Medal events in bold)	Format
<b><u>Saturday June 15</u></b>		
09:45 - 19:15	<b>Welcome Address then immediatly</b>	
	<b>MIXED PAIRS Qualifying day 1 of 2</b>	<b>5 segments of 10 boards</b>
	Open MP Pairs 1 day	5 segments of 10 boards
	Open Board a Match Teams day 1 of 2	5 matches of 10 boards
<b><u>Sunday June 16</u></b>		
10:00 - 19:15	<b>MIXED PAIRS Qualifying day 2 of 2</b>	<b>5 segments of 10 boards</b>
	Open IMP Pairs 1 day	5 segments of 10 boards
	Open Board a Match Teams day 2 of 2	5 matches of 10 boards
<b><u>Monday June 17</u></b>		
10:00 - 19:15	<b>MIXED PAIRS Final day 1 of 2</b>	<b>5 segments of 10 boards</b>
	Open MP Pairs 1 day	5 segments of 10 boards
	Open Swiss Teams day 1 of 2	5 matches of 10 boards
<b><u>Tuesday June 18</u></b>		
10:00 - 19:15	<b>MIXED PAIRS Final day 2 of 2</b>	<b>5 segments of 10 boards</b>
	Open MP Pairs 1 day	5 segments of 10 boards
	Open Swiss Teams day 2 of 2	5 matches of 10 boards
19:45	<b>MIXED PAIRS Prize Giving</b>	
<b><u>Wednesday June 19</u></b>		
10:00 - 19:15	<b>MIXED SWISS TEAMS day 1 of 3</b>	<b>5 matches of 10 boards</b>
	Open MP Pairs 1 day	5 segments of 10 boards
<b><u>Thursday June 20</u></b>		
10:00 - 19:15	<b>MIXED SWISS TEAMS day 2 of 3</b>	<b>5 matches of 10 boards</b>
	Open MP Pairs 1 day	5 segments of 10 boards
<b><u>Friday June 21</u></b>		
10:00 - 19:15	<b>MIXED SWISS TEAMS day 3 of 3</b>	<b>5 matches of 10 boards</b>
	Open MP Pairs 1 day	5 segments of 10 boards
	Open Swiss Teams 1 day	Depending on no.of entries
19:45	<b>MIXED TEAMS Prize Giving</b>	



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<b><u>Saturday June 22</u></b>		
10:00 - 19:15	<b>OPEN/WOMEN/SENIOR TEAMS</b>	
	<b>Qualifying Swiss day 1 of 2</b>	<b>5 matches of 10 boards</b>
	Open MP Pairs 1 day	5 segments of 10 boards
<b><u>Sunday June 23</u></b>		
10:00 - 19:15	<b>OPEN/WOMEN/SENIOR TEAMS</b>	
	<b>Qualifying Swiss day 2 of 2</b>	<b>5 matches of 10 boards</b>
	Open MP Pairs 1 day	5 segments of 10 boards
<b><u>Monday June 24</u></b>		
10:00 - 14:15	<b><u>OPEN TEAMS KO round of 16</u></b>	<b><u>2 times 14 boards</u></b>
	<b>WOMEN/SENIOR TEAMS KO Semifinals</b>	<b>2 times 14 boards</b>
15:15 - 19:30	<b>OPEN TEAMS KO Quarterfinals</b>	<b>2 times 14 boards</b>
	<b>WOMEN/SENIOR TEAMS KO Final</b>	<b>2 times 14 boards</b>
10:00 - 19:15	Open MP Pairs 1 day	5 segments of 10 boards
	Open Swiss Teams 1 day	Depending on no.of entries
<b><u>Tuesday June 25</u></b>		
10:00 - 14:15	<b>OPEN TEAMS KO Semifinals</b>	<b>2 times 14 boards</b>
15:15 - 19:30	<b>OPEN TEAM KO Final</b>	<b>2 times 14 boards</b>
10:00 - 19:15	<b>OPEN PAIRS Qualifying day 1 of 2</b>	<b>5 segments of 10 boards</b>
	Open IMP Pairs 1 day	5 segments of 10 boards
20:00	<b>O/W/S TEAMS Prize Giving</b>	
<b><u>Wednesday June 26</u></b>		
10:00 - 19:15	<b>OPEN PAIRS Qualifying day 2 of 2</b>	<b>5 segments of 10 boards</b>
	Open MP Pairs 1 day	5 segments of 10 boards
<b><u>Thursday June 27</u></b>		
10:00 - 19:15	<b>OPEN PAIRS Semifinal</b>	<b>5 segments of 10 boards</b>
	<b>WOMEN/SENIOR PAIRS Qualif. Day 1 of 2</b>	<b>5 segments of 10 boards</b>
	Open MP Pairs 1 day	5 segments of 10 boards
<b><u>Friday June 28</u></b>		
10:00 - 19:15	<b>OPEN PAIRS Final day 1 of 2</b>	<b>5 segments of 10 boards</b>
	<b>WOMEN/SENIOR PAIRS Qualif. Day 2 of 2</b>	<b>5 segments of 10 boards</b>
	Open MP Pairs 1 day	5 segments of 10 boards
	Open Board a Match Teams day 1 of 2	5 matches of 10 boards
<b><u>Saturday June 29</u></b>		
10:00 - 17:30	<b>OPEN PAIRS Final day 2 of 2</b>	<b>4 segments of 10 boards</b>
	<b>WOMEN/SENIOR Final</b>	<b>4 segments of 10 boards</b>
	Open MP Pairs 1 day	4 segments of 10 boards
	Open Board a Match Teams day 2 of 2	4 matches of 10 boards
18:30	<b>O/W/S PAIRS Prize Giving, Closing Ceremony and Cocktails</b>	



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Day	Mixed Team	Mixed Pair	Side Pairs	Side Teams	Notes
<b>Saturday June 15</b>		Mixed Qualif. 1-5	MPs	Open BAM 2 days	
<b>Sunday June 16</b>		Mixed Qualif. 6-10	Open IMPs		
<b>Monday June 17</b>		Mixed Final 52 Pairs	MPs =>	Open Swiss 2 days	
<b>Tuesday June 18</b>			MPs		
<b>Wednesday June 19</b>	Mixed Swiss 1-5		MPs		
<b>Thursday June 20</b>	Mixed Swiss 6-10		MPs		
<b>Friday June 21</b>	Mixed Swiss 11-13 Mixed Finals (Note =>)		MPs		



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Day	OPEN TEAMS	W/S TEAMS	OPEN PAIRS	W/S PAIRS	Side Pairs	Side Teams
<b>Saturday June 22</b>	Qualification	Qualification			MPs	
<b>Sunday June 23</b>					MPs	
<b>Monday June 24</b>	Knock-out	Knock-out			MPs	Open Swiss 1 day
<b>Tuesday June 25</b>					IMPs	
<b>Wednesday June 26</b>			Qualification		MPs	
<b>Thursday June 27</b>			Semi final		Qualification	MPs
<b>Friday June 28</b>			Final 46 Pairs	Final		MPs
<b>Saturday June 29</b>					MPs	