

Concept paper for the Champions Cup next phase 2023-

Home & Away solution

The Champions Cup Steering Group has decided to start to prepare the evaluation of the possibilities to develop the Champions Cup and tie the competition together with the other IFF Club Competitions in the future.

The basis is to clarify the pros and cons of moving into a Home and Away based solution and see how these could be tied together with the present EuroFloorball Cup and the Euro Floorball Challenge.

The basic idea is to provide the possibility for all Top Club teams on the national level to participate in the competition, with the possibility for non-european clubs to enter the competition.

In this concept paper the focus is on the possible structure of the competition and how to organise it. The idea is to first find a consensus for this, before we enter into a discussion about financial obligations and deviation of marketing and TV rights. The concept paper will be presented to the participating teams of the IFF Club Competitions the coming autumn and a questionnaire will be sent to the National Associations in order to clarify their views on the situation.

The proposal

The main objective is to find a solution which is interesting enough for the concerned teams to take part in the competition, both from a financial and competitive aspect. The competition is to be run for both genders.

The countries are ranked, in the beginning, based on the WFC ranking and are receiving a pre-defined number of entries in the competition. The competition is limited for the National Champions, the National Cup champions or the winners of the National Regular Series. After 2-3 years of play the ranking is based on the Champions Cup actual ranking.

An example of the way to award the positions as follows:

Pot	Teams	Nations	Information
Pot 1	4 teams	CZE, FIN, SWE, SUI	Top 4 countries (1 place per country)
Pot 2	8 teams	DEN, EST, LAT, NOR CZE, FIN, SWE, SUI	EFC Top 4 countries (1 place per country) – possibility for additional teams Top 4 countries (2 place per country)
Pot 3	4 teams	GER, POL, SVK, RUS	All other EFC countries (1 place per country)
Pot 4	x teams	HUN, ITA, ESP, UKR, GB, HOL, etc.	All EFCh teams and non-European teams (1 place per country)

The registration of teams shall be handled by end of May and the competition shall be played from August to November.

The Competition Structure is built on a competition tree:

Level	Pairs / Teams	Pot	Time
Final	1 pair – 2 teams	Not fixed	Mai

Semi-final	2 pair – 4 teams	Not fixed		Jan-Feb
Quarter final	4 pair - 8 teams	Pot 1	Entry for Top 4 National Champions	Nov-Dez
Sixteen final	8 pair – 16 teams	Pot 2	Entry for Top 4 2nd teams + Top 4 EFC fixed	Sep
Qualification	8 pairs needed	Pot 3 & 4	All other EFC and EFCh teams + non-European	Aug

If there is not enough teams for the next level the sports are filled in order of the ranking.

The qualification round and the Sixteen final can be played as tournaments, flexible Home&Away in one city or normal Home&Away. The lower ranked teams from the competition can ask to be the organiser of the next round, to save costs. From the quarter finals it is real home – away, but can be played in one city, if agreed by both teams.

The task force will after the interviews with the participants of the IFF Club Competition then make an revision of the proposal for the system of Champions Cup Home&Away.