

Enclosure RACC_2

Euro Floorball Cup Qualifications system:

The EFC will be played for both men and women with two regional qualification tournaments, one qualification tournament for 2nd teams from the top 4 countries and a final round with 8 teams, as was decided in January 2006.

This enclosure contains proposals for the qualification tournaments, starting summer/autumn 2007.

Men and women together

The qualification tournaments for men and women will be organized together, in the same country/city, but not necessarily in the same sports hall.

Qualification for second teams from top 4 ranked countries.

The qualification tournament will have 6-8 participating teams (3-4 men, 3-4 women).

If the reigning champion and new national champion are not the same team, this country already has two places and thus can not participate in the qualification tournament for the second ranked teams.

- The qualification tournament has to be organized by one of the participating countries. The organizer should be chosen latest in April.

Qualification tournaments for national champions

Two regional tournaments will be organized. The winner of each tournament will qualify for the final round (both men and women).

- Europe will be divided upfront in 2 roughly equal parts based on geography and strength, so that national champions know upfront where they would go and decide upon that information. Men and women from a country will always be in the same tournament.
- IFF will ask countries from both regions to bid for organization. If no country from a region wants to organize, this regions qualification place will automatically go to the other region (thus giving this region 2 places).
- The organizers for the regional qualification have to be known latest 30 April, so national champions can decide based on this information if they want to participate.
- Because the division will be made upfront, it is possible that the 2 regional tournaments will be of different size and strength. Therefore, Every two years the regions will be evaluated, based on strength and number of participants
- Alternatives, such as to divide men and women or seeding the champions based on strength only, were evaluated by the RACC, but are not suitable/feasible: division on strength will be too expensive for participants, splitting men and women will lead to too many tournaments/organizers

Proposal for the regional division in a 'West' and 'East' group:

West group		East group	
Iceland		Russia	*
Norway	*	Finland	*
Sweden	*	Estonia	*
Denmark	*	Latvia	*
Germany	*	Ukraine	
Netherlands	*	Poland	*
Italy	*	Czech Republic	*
Great Britain	*	Slovakia	*
Switzerland	*	Austria	*
France		Hungary	*
Spain	*	Slovenia	
Belgium	*	Georgia	
Liechtenstein		Armenia	

Based on current IFF members. Countries that have recently participated are marked with (*).