



C/TOURNAMENT SYSTEM

C/21 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP INDIVIDUAL 3-CUSHION U21

Art. 1. PARTICIPANTS

24 athletes.

Art. 2. INSCRIPTION AND PARTICIPATION.

Registrations by National Federation through CEB website.

Registrations of the athletes will be taken into considerations as follows:

1. The title holder. (PLACED).
2. One wild card from the Organizer federation (PLACED)
3. Athletes registered as first (NORMAL 1) by all federations. If the number of 24 is not reached the athletes registered as seconds will be accepted (NORMAL 2). The federations priority order for the second athlete and further is determined by the nations ranking of the previous EC 3C U21 where each nation is taken only once for the best standing. Federations that did not participate in previous EC will be considered at the end of the nations ranking. Athletes registered as third (NORMAL 3) will also be accepted according to the same criteria until the number of 24 participant is reached. The same procedure will be applied for fourth, fifth etc, until the number of 24 is reached (NORMAL 4,5 etc..).

Art. 3. GAMES OF THE GROUPS – DISTANCE OF THE GAME 25 POINTS – 50 INNINGS

The entry ranking of the 24 athletes will be made **according to the general averages achieved in the junior national championships. If not available, the general average achieved in the previous similar CEB event may be used.**

The current European Champion if participating is placed as Number 1.

The 8 groups of 3 athletes will then be formed according to the system Z. The games will be played with equal innings. If the athlete doesn't reach the distance of 25 points in the 50 innings, the opponent will have the inning. The balls are placed on the starting position. A draw is possible. The first two of each group will qualify for the final round.

Classification in groups will be established according the following criteria:

1. Game points
2. General average
3. Best game average
4. Highest run, second highest run.
5. The direct comparison of the athletes who are still equal
6. Decision by drawing lots.

The qualifications ranking is established as follow:

1. Placing in the group
2. Game points
3. General average
3. Best game average
4. Highest run, second highest run.
5. Drawing lot

Art. 4. FINAL ROUND – DISTANCE OF THE GAME 35 POINTS

The games in final rounds will be played in KO format.

Game distance: 35 points, no equalization innings, no innings limit.

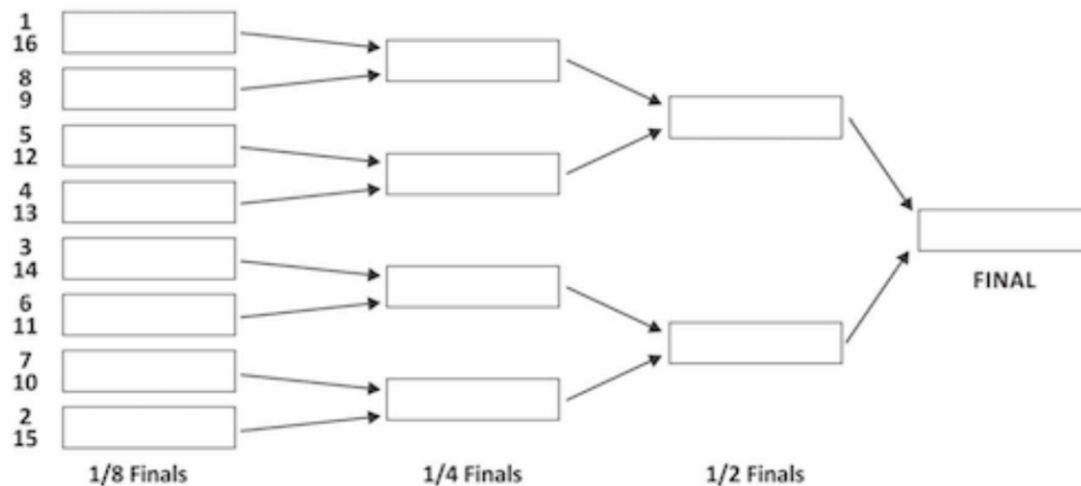
The first athlete to reach the game distance wins the match.

The ranking list of the 16 finalists for 1/8 round matches will be established according to the qualification ranking,

Classification of eliminated athletes is done accordingly to Basics Concepts.

The final KO round will be played according the joined scheme.

1/8 Final - Quarter Final - Semi Final - Final (there is no match for 3rd and 4th place).



Art. 5. TIME REGULATION SYSTEMS

- Limit of 40 seconds (by preference in a count-down order) with a visual warning system at 30 seconds (if not available the referee will give a warning at the 30 second limit).

- Clock starts after all balls stop and table is free for playing.

- 2 Time-Outs for 25 and 35 points matches for each player. Any remaining time-outs will automatically be applied (the player does not need to request a time out); the new total limit is then brought to 80 seconds. A time-out must be announced by the referee immediately after the point, and indicated clearly to players and spectators.

- In case that both time-outs are used, Penalization-Signal (by preference sonic) after the 40 second limit and consequently the balls will be put up in starting position for the opponent.

- Ongoing time will not be stopped with the use of a device (cue-extension, bridge, etc) or changing glove(s).

- The clock must be displayed in a clearly visible manner in the sports arena for the players and the spectators.

- One mandatory break of five minutes per match is applied. The break is applied after 15 points for matches of 25 points and after 20 points for matches of 35 points - reached by either player. In all matches with limitation of innings and on the condition that none of the players has reached 15 points within the end of the 25th inning, the break will be applied at the end of the 25th inning.

Art. 6. Longoni Next Gen Ranking: points for the EC 3-Cushion U21

Position	Points
1°	60
2°	41
3°-4°	29
5°-8°	20
9°-16°	12
17°-24°	6

The EC 3-Cushion U21 and 2 Grand Prix Longoni NextGen 3-Cushion U21 are events valid for the seasonal Longoni NextGen Ranking. After each event ranking points are awarded and the ranking is updated; after the first event the sequence of athletes in the Longoni Ranking will be equal to the event ranking. From the second event onward, in case of equality of ranking points, the overall general average of the circuit will be used to rank the players.

At the end of each sport season the three best ranked players will be awarded with a wild card for the European Championship Individual of the next sport season. The Longoni ranking is a seasonal ranking, for each sport season it is started again as new.