

# **RULES FOR EUROPEAN POSTAL CHAMPIONSHIP**

(valid from 1 January 2014)

## **European Postal Championship Open Round**

Will consist of 4 players per section, double-round robin. Starting continuously.

The following players have the right to participate in the European Postal Championship Open Round:

- (a) players new to ICCF or without an ICCF Rating
- (b) a player rated below 2100 at the time of application.

## **European Postal Championship Semi-Finals**

Will consist of 6 players per section, double round robin. Starting continuously.

The following players have the right to participate in European Postal Championship Semi-Finals:

- (a) a player rated 2100 or over at the time of application.
- (b) a player who has won a European Postal Championship Open Round is entitled to one start in the Semi-Finals, regardless of rating.
- (c) a player without an ICCF rating who is nominated by the National Federation and accompanied by a statement of qualification confirming the player is considered to be of sufficient strength to enter directly into the Semi-Finals.

## **European Postal Championship Final**

Will normally consist of 13 players, single round robin. But the Tournament organiser shall have the power to change the number of players to 11, 15 or 17. Starting at the Tournament Organiser's discretion.

The following players have the right to participate in European Postal Championship Final:

- (a) the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> placed players from the previous Final.
- (b) the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> placed players in the Semi-Finals.

In the event that the number of qualifiers exceeds 17, the tournament organiser shall admit players to the Final in the following order of priority:

- 1/ those players who qualified for a previous Final but were omitted under this order of priority.
- 2/ 1<sup>st</sup> placed player in a previous Final
- 3/ 1<sup>st</sup> placed player from a Semi-Final section.
- 4/ 2<sup>nd</sup> placed player in a previous Final
- 5/ 2<sup>nd</sup> placed player from a Semi-Final section
- 6/ 3<sup>rd</sup> placed player in a previous Final

The Final qualifications can be deferred only once.

Where vacancies exist for a Final, after all qualifiers wishing to play have been included, then the European Zonal Director may admit the next qualified players from the previous Final or Semi-Final, namely those who failed to qualify on the basis of a tie-break. The European Zonal Director also has the right to grant up to two free places on the basis of extraordinary international performance.

It should also be noted that Server qualifications can be used for the Postal stages, but not vice versa.

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