

## General Rules of the European Club Championships Update 2022 - 2023

### Introduction

The two-level competition project of the *European Club Championships (ECC)* introduced by the EJU from 2014 has been progressing successfully. Since 2018 the top division is referred to as *Champions League* (former Golden League) and the lower (qualifying) division as *Europa League*.

With the special situation that Russian Teams are not eligible to participate in 2022, only the Champions League will be held.

The *Champions League* 2022 will be held in Gori (Georgia) on Saturday, Nov 26<sup>th</sup> 2022.

### 1. The European Club Championships Competition Structure 2022 - 2023

Men & Women	2022	2023
Date:	26 November 2022	tbd
ECC-Champions League Qualification:	Participants Champions League 2021 Top 4 Europa League 2021 Maximum 4 teams per National Fed.	Top 8 Champions League 2022 Maximum 3 teams per National Fed.
Comp. System:	Double Repechage	Quarterfinal Repechage
ECC-Europa League Qualification:	-	4 teams from the National Team Championships 2022, decision by NF (Incl. teams descending from CL 2022)
Comp. System:	-	TBD (to be defined)

### 2. General Rules of Champions League for the year 2022

2.1 Participation quota of clubs per National Federation applies for the *Champions League*, see Chapters 3.

### 3. General Organisation of the Champions League 2022

3.1 Participation of the following teams based on ECC 2021 in each, men and women:

- All teams of the *ECC - Champions League* (except teams from RUS)

#### Men:

- Red Star Belgrade (SRB)
- Golden Gori (GEO)
- TSV Abensberg (GER)
- Fighter Tbilisi (GEO)
- Flam 91 (FRA)
- Aris SC (GRE)

#### Women:

- Galatasaray Istanbul (TUR)
- RSC Champigny (FRA)
- VCJ Valencia (ESP)
- UJISK Slavija (SRB)
- SGS Judo (FRA)
- U.S. Orlean Loiret (FRA)

- Medallists of the *ECC - Europa League 2021*

#### Men:

- PSG Judo (FRA)
- SGS Judo (FRA)

#### Women:

- PSG Judo (FRA)
- Sport Judo Blanc Mesnil (FRA)
- USK Judo Prague (CZE)

3.2 Participation quota per National Federation: maximum of four (4) men and four (4) women club teams in *Champions League*. In case more than 4 club teams are qualified in men or women, the quota of 4

does not apply. If a qualified team according to 3.1 does not accept the invitation, the concerned NF can decide on its own about the replacement.

3.3 Awards: Gold, Silver, Bronze (2x) medals and trophies.

3.4 Direct qualification of top 8 teams (medallists) to the Champions League 2023 (quota per National Federation may apply)

## 4. Club Membership of Athletes

4.1 The clubs participating in the **ECC-Champions League** are obliged to sign binding agreements with athletes to represent the club for calendar year 2022. The agreements (acknowledgement form provided by EJU) must be signed before entry deadline. Clubs must be ready to present the signed agreements to EJU upon request.

4.2 Clubs are obliged to register all athletes in IJF Judobase (instructions for this procedure can be found in the outlines).

4.3 Once an athlete signs for a club he is bound for this particular club and he cannot be transferred to another club in running calendar year.

4.4 An athlete who would sign for more than one club in particular year will be suspended from participation in **Champions League** in that year.

## 5. Foreign Judoka

5.1 There is maximum quota of 2 (two) foreign judoka in a team for each team contest. In case the team is represented in a team contest by total of 4 athletes or 3 athletes the quota is one (1) foreign judoka in a team.

5.2 Foreign judoka: A judoka registered in IJF Judobase under different nationality than the country the Club is representing in **ECC-Champions League** is defined as foreign judoka.

5.3 The IJF rules of changing nationality fully apply for European Club Championships.

5.4 In case of double (multiple) citizenship of an athlete the relevant nationality is based on the nationality the athletes hold in IJF WRL (Olympic Charter fully applies)

## 6. Seeding

In total 8 teams will be seeded according to European Clubs team ranking list.

## 7. Special Provision

Any unexpected situation not covered by these rules will be resolved by EJU decision.