



# WOMEN INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIP 2023 - 2024

## FORMAT & RULES

### 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

The National WOMEN Indoor Championship 2023-2024 will be played in two phases. Phase one will consist of three qualifying days, each to be played on a Sunday. The qualifiers days are 26<sup>th</sup> November, 17<sup>th</sup> December and 18<sup>th</sup> February. The second phase will be play-offs (10<sup>th</sup> March). This year 26 teams representing 18 clubs will be playing for the Belgian Ultimate Indoor Women Championship of 2023-2024. Every qualifier day teams will get points depending on the result and ranking of that day. The top 8 teams ranked after the three qualifier days will play the play-offs. All other teams will know their final ranking after these three days. The winner of the play-offs is crowned Belgian Ultimate Indoor Women Champion 2023-2024.

This National Championship is the Belgian qualifier for the **EUICC Women** if this will be held in 2025. Belgium presumably has **1 spot** and there might be a possibility for a second spot.

### 2. TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR & QUESTIONS

The tournament director for the Indoor Championship 2023-2024 is Floor Van Damme.

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### 3. CONTACT DETAILS

The contact information of the team responsables will be shared by email with all other team responsables. These contact details will be used for spreading around schedules, results and rankings. All last-minute changes in schedule or location (if any) will be communicated through them. It's not mandatory for the contact person to be a player of the team, but this can never be used as an excuse for not fulfilling your tasks like being on time or filling in the (spirit) scores.

If you won't be reachable during the last couple of days before a game day, it is advised to inform the TD of a temporary replacement contact person.

### 4. DIVISIONS

#### STARTING DIVISIONS FOR WOMEN INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIP 2023 - 2024

The Starting divisions for the 2023-2024 National Championship will be based on the division that your team ended in for the 2022-2023 season for all except the top 8 teams. For the top 8 teams it depends on your final result at the play-offs. Teams that didn't participate in the competition last year are automatically added to the lowest divisions. In the picture below you can find the divisions for the 2023-2024 season.



| Women Indoor Championship 2023-2024 |
|-------------------------------------|
| Division 1                          |
| Wuf.                                |
| Mooncup                             |
| Black Birds Women                   |
| Jetset OneLuv                       |
| Gentleladies                        |
| Division 2                          |
| Flying Rabbits Lady                 |
| DH Ladies                           |
| Freespect 1                         |
| Pussycat d'Owls                     |
| Moonlight                           |
| Division 3                          |
| Flywin                              |
| Oufti-Feyes                         |
| Gentle Women                        |
| Wave                                |
| Xelles                              |
| Division 4                          |
| Luv u 2                             |
| Les farfalles                       |
| Flying Rabbits Gaga                 |
| Oufti-Nanesse                       |
| Alerte à m'Owlhibou                 |
| Division 5                          |
| Armada                              |
| Stoempettes                         |
| Zapadisk                            |
| 3 of luv                            |
| AdréNalannes                        |
| Mooncup 3                           |



## 5. FORMAT, ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION

### GENERAL

- In divisions with 4 or 5 teams all teams of a division play against all other teams of that same division. This means 4 games per team in divisions of 5 and 3 games per team in divisions of 4. In divisions of 6 teams, there will be 2 pools of 3 teams followed by a pre-semi, a semi-final and placement games.
- Teams get 1 point for a victory and 0 for a defeat.
- At the end of each day a ranking is made per division. To define the rankings in a pool, the team that scored the most victory points comes in first. In case of equal victory points between 2 teams in a division the winner of the game between those 2 teams comes first. If more than 2 teams have the same number of points we use this system.
  - First look at the number of games won in the opposing games only
  - Then look at the goal-average of their opposing games only
  - Then look at the scored points of their opposing games
  - Then look at the global goal-average of all their games in the division
  - Then look at the scored points of all their games in the division
  - If it still isn't decided who comes first, look at the general ranking before that day or to the final ranking of last year in case of a tie on day 1.
- At the end of each game day certain teams get promoted or relegated depending on their position during that day. In the following table you can find which teams get promoted or relegated. Positions in green are teams that will get promoted, positions in red are teams that will get relegated.
- At the end of each game day teams are awarded points towards the final ranking. The amount of points awarded for each position can also be found in the following table. After each game day the provisional ranking will be updated.
- After the third game day the final ranking will be made for all teams but the top 8.
- In case of equal points in the final ranking after day 3 between 2 teams we look at the result of their mutual game(s)
  - If they played 1 game the winner of this game will be ranked higher
  - If they played more games the team with the most victories will be ranked higher
  - If they played more games and they won the same number of games, we'll look at the goal average in their mutual games
  - If it's still equal, we'll look at the points of the last day
  - If it's still equal, the team playing in the highest division on the last game day is ranked higher
  - If still no clear winner can be decided, the team with the higher ranking last year will be ranked higher.
- In case of equal points in the final ranking after day 3 between 3 or more teams we look at the results of their mutual game(s)
  - If by comparing the tied teams two by two results in a clear ranking of all the teams, this will be the final result
  - If this method doesn't define the winner, we'll look at the percentage of wins in all opposing games
  - If it's still equal, we'll look at the ranking of the last day
  - If it's still equal, the team playing in the highest division on the last game day is ranked higher
  - If it's still equal, we'll look at the overall percentage of wins in all games
  - If still no clear winner can be decided, the team with the higher ranking last year will be ranked higher.
- The top 8 teams will participate in the play-offs.



| Woman Indoor Championship 2023-2024 |        |               |
|-------------------------------------|--------|---------------|
| Rank                                | Points | Next division |
| Division 1                          |        |               |
| 1st                                 | 21     | 1             |
| 2nd                                 | 20     | 1             |
| 3rd                                 | 19     | 1             |
| 4th                                 | 18     | 2             |
| 5th                                 | 17     | 2             |
| Division 2                          |        |               |
| 1st                                 | 18     | 1             |
| 2nd                                 | 17     | 1             |
| 3rd                                 | 16     | 2             |
| 4th                                 | 15     | 3             |
| 5th                                 | 14     | 3             |
| Division 3                          |        |               |
| 1st                                 | 15     | 2             |
| 2nd                                 | 14     | 2             |
| 3rd                                 | 13     | 3             |
| 4th                                 | 12     | 4             |
| 5th                                 | 11     | 4             |
| Division 4                          |        |               |
| 1st                                 | 12     | 3             |
| 2nd                                 | 11     | 3             |
| 3rd                                 | 10     | 4             |
| 4th                                 | 9      | 5             |
| 5th                                 | 8      | 5             |
| Division 5                          |        |               |
| 1st                                 | 9      | 4             |
| 2nd                                 | 8      | 4             |
| 3rd                                 | 7      | 5             |
| 4th                                 | 6      | 5             |
| 5th                                 | 5      | 5             |



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| 6th | 4 | 5 |
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#### ORDER OF THE GAMES

- In a division with 5 teams, the order of games will be the following: 1-3, 2-4, 3-5, 1-4, 2-5, 3-4, 1-2, 4-5, 2-3, 1-5. The team (or one of the teams) playing “home” i.e. in their own hall, will be team 1. The other teams will be ranked according to the ranking before the day. Exceptions can be made if necessary or in case none of the teams can play at home.
- In a division with 4 teams, the order of the games will be: 1-2, 3-4, 1-4, 2-3, 1-3, 2-4. This order means teams 3 and 4 will have a back-to-back game. If the reserved time in the hall allows it, a pause between those two games can be held. Otherwise, the games will only have 5 minutes in between.
- In a division with 6 teams, with two pools of three teams and a small bracket, order of games will be A1-A3, B1-B3, A2-A3, B2-B3, A1-A2, B1-B2 for pool games. 3A-2B (PS1), 3B-2A (PS2), 1A-WPS1 (S1), AB-WPS2 (S2), LPS1-LPS2, LS1-LS2, WS1-WS2. Games will only last 22’ with 3’ intermissions.

#### ADMINISTRATION

- Administrative Rules for the Belgian Ultimate Club Championships apply  
[Administration rules 2024](#)
- If a team doesn’t show up on a certain day, the administrative rule for a ‘No Show’ applies.
- If a team doesn’t show up on a certain day, the sanctions detailed in this year's sanctions document will also apply. [Sanctions 2023-2024](#)
- Every club has to fill in a “player list”, this will be done by “Group Synchronisation” in Twizzit. Rosters will have to be completed at the latest on the 17th of November. This list will hold the names of all players that will be eligible to play for that club during the Women Indoor Championship 2023 - 2024 and will be open to consultation by everyone.
- It is the responsibility of the opposing teams to check whether all players are allowed to play. The opposing team is in no way obliged to check the rosters, but if they do I would encourage them to do it before the game starts to prevent discussions afterwards. Players found not to be on the team’s roster are not eligible to play. After that game day the team with the player-in-discussion can send a mail to the tournament director to request an exception for the following game days and in that way still enable the player to participate. There is no guarantee that an exception will be granted.

#### HOME TEAM RESPONSIBILITIES

- The home team must remove dangerous sporting equipment close to the field or cover them with mattresses. Also it is their responsibility to clean the hall if it is filthy with sand before the games start.
- The home team should indicate the brick point using tape or a cone. If necessary also mark lines of the field that are not complete with tape.
- The home team has to keep the time, preferentially on an electronic scoreboard. If no large clock is available in the hall, a tablet with a chronometer app will suffice as well. If no tablet is available either, make sure you can always inform the teams about the time left when asked for and inform them automatically when 5 minutes are remaining.
- The home team should check after all the games are played that the hall is clean before leaving.

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- Teams that participated in last year's play-offs will automatically start in the highest two divisions. The top five teams in the play-offs will start in Division 1, the teams ranked 6th through 8th will start in Division 2.
- Teams that didn't participate in the play-offs that would normally be ranked in the highest two divisions, when consulting the division they ended in after last season, will be allowed in Division 2 as long as there are available spaces. The spaces will be awarded based on last year's ranking.
- Teams that are no longer participating will be scrapped from their respective divisions and will be replaced with the first team that, in the subscription form, asked to go up a division. If no teams asked to go up, teams will be moved up depending on last year's divisions after the final game day.
- All new teams are added at the bottom division (unless a team above is not participating this year). In the case that not all the new teams can be divided in the same division, they will be divided based on the order of subscription

## 6. PLAY-OFFS

- The play-offs will be played on March 10th.
- The Women Indoor Championships play-offs will be played with the top 8 teams in the ranking after the third Women Indoor Championship qualifier day.
- If a team decides not to participate in the play-offs the next team in the final ranking will take its place. The team deciding not to play in the play-offs will start the next Woman Indoor Championship with a points deduction of 5 points.
- For the Women Indoor Championship all teams will play a quarter-final, a semi-final and a final, i.e. 3 games per team.
- Games will last 25 minutes. Finish the point at the end-signal. If the score difference after this last point is 0 or 1 point, play to cap+1 (warning: this differs from the qualifier days).
- Games end immediately if a team reaches 13 points.
- The team winning the Women play-offs will be the Belgian Women Indoor Champion 2023 – 2024.

## 7. RULES OF PLAY

- We play according to the adjusted BFDf rules for Indoor championships from 2023.
- In divisions of 4 or 5 teams, all games last 25 minutes. In a division of 6 teams, all games will last 22 minutes. Finish the point at the end-signal. If the score is equal after the last point has been played, you play 1 extra point to have a winner of the game.
- A new point begins as soon as a team scores.
- Game ends immediately if a team reaches 13 points.
- If a game finishes sooner than 25 (or 22) minutes because a team reaches 13 points, the next game will start no later than 3 minutes after the previous game. There is an exception when a game is cancelled. In this case the next game should start at the starting time of the cancelled game + 20 minutes. The team that would have to play 2 games in a row may decide to start sooner.
- Brick-rule of 5 meters.
- Stall count is 8.
- 1 time-out per team per game. Time is not stopped during these time-outs, so no time-outs are allowed in the last 5 minutes of the game.
- Women division: all players on the field have to be female-matching players, if you can't field at least 4 female-matching players you lose that game with 0-13.

## 8. SPIRIT OF THE GAME

- At the end of each game, every team should quickly get together for a brief discussion of the spirit during the game. Afterwards, both teams will come together in the spirit circle and summarize their view on the spirit of the game. This working method will improve the conformity between what is said in the spirit circle and the spirit scores given.
- Every team has to fill out the spirit of the game sheet for each opponent they played. You can find examples of the SOTG sheets in all languages on the website of WFDF: [www.wfdf.org](http://www.wfdf.org).
- The teams should enter their Spirit scores using the google form. A link is provided below and the form will also be supplied to the contact persons of each team. Make sure you submit your spirit scores in time. Not filling in the spirit scores will be penalized. The penalties can be found in this year's sanction document [Sanctions 2023-2024](#)
- All spirit scores have to be received by the tournament director before 21:00 on the evening of the qualifier day. If your division ends later than 21:00, spirit scores should be received by the organizer at the latest one hour after the last game was played in that division.
- Please read the instructions on the Spirit of the Game documents carefully!
- Remember that a Spirit score of '10' is not a bad score, but a very normal score. Spirit scores lower than 7 or higher than 13 should rather be the exception than the rule... Teams that consequently give spirit scores that are very high or very low, might be asked to read the instructions on the Spirit of the Game again and reconsider their scores.
- All spirit scores will be made public at the end of a game day.
- The team that has the highest average spirit score at the end of the tournament will get the spirit of the game award.
- If you forfeit at least one game in this championship, you can't win the spirit of the game award.
- Spirit of the game google form: See website

## 9. COSTS

The team fee is €140,- per team excl. VAT. The invoice will be sent via Twizzit to the club.

## 10. RESULTS & SCHEDULE FOR THE NEXT DAY

Filling in the results is the responsibility of all the teams. The results should be entered in the provided spreadsheet as soon as possible and at the latest two hours after all games in a division have been played.

The results should be filled in by the winning team. However, it is the responsibility of the losing team to check whether the score has been correctly filled in. If the scores haven't been filled in after the deadline, both the winning and the losing team will be penalized. The penalties can be found in this year's sanction document. [Sanctions 2023-2024](#)

The schedule for the next game day will be provided as soon as possible by the TD. However, this does require everyone to fill in the game results as soon as possible.

Links to results and schedules (stored on the championships google drive) will be shared on the website: <https://www.belgianultimate.be/indoor-championships-2023-2024/>

## 11. HALLS

An overview of all the halls per game day is provided below: [Indoor Halls 23-24](#)