



Specific Rules of the European Team Championship 2021 (classic program) Chianciano Terme (Italy)

Competition system.

There will be two separate tournaments for men and women.

Men - 10 teams.

Rounds 1-5: two groups, round robin. Teams will be divided into groups in order of rating of teams (average rating of the 3 best players).

Semifinal A: teams 1, 4, 5, 8, 9.

Semifinal B: teams 2, 3, 6, 7, 10.

Before the start of the tournament the organization or the referee draws lot numbers for all teams, or let the team leaders draw a lot number. Italian teams have to play each other in the first half.

Teams that took 1st and 2nd places in each group qualify for the Final A, that took 3rd and 4th will play in the Final B, took 5th places plays for the 9th place.

Rounds 6-7: Final A (4 teams), Final B (4 teams) and match for the 9th place, round robin.

Results between teams in the qualification groups are saved in the final. Italian teams have to play each other in the first half.

Order of play in Final A (could be changed):

6 round	7 round
A1 – B2	B1 – A1
A2 – B1	B2 – A2

Order of play in Final B (could be changed):

6 round	7 round
A3 – B4	B3 – A3
A4 – B3	B4 – A4

Order of play for the 9th place:

6 round	7 round
A5 – B5	B5 – A5

Women - 7 teams.

Round robin, 7 rounds.

Before the start of the tournament the organization or the referee draws lot numbers for all teams, or let the team leaders draw a lot number. Italian teams have to play each other in the first half.

Decision of ex-aequo.

After the last round (and after the 5th round in men's semifinals) the teams will be classified on the base of the total match points obtained. In case of an ex-aequo, the decision will be taken by using the following criteria:

- the largest number of individual points;
- the largest number of points at the first board, if needed at the second etc.

There will only be a tie break if all results are completely the same after having applied all criteria for teams ending on the first place (and on 2th and 4th places in men's semifinals). This tie break will be played in the form of a blitz 5' + 3'' tie break.

In semifinals if all results are completely the same after having applied all criteria for teams ending on any places except 2nd and 4th places teams will receive the start numbers for final from drawing of lots.

The official rules of the FMJD will be used. The time rate will be 1 hour and 20 minutes per player plus 1 minute per move played. Use of clock and recording games is compulsory. There is no more a phase of 'time shortage', and recording games is compulsory from move to move. The

40 move rule for agreeing a draw will be enforced. Any players agreeing a draw in less than 40 moves will be awarded a score of 0-0.

The official FMJD software Draughts Arbiter will be used.