

Sport Regulations (SR)

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SR.1 Abbreviations

USIC Union Sportive Internationale des Cheminots
CTT Core Technical Team

SR.2 Principles

SR.2.1 Eligibility

All participants shall correspond to the group of people specified in Article S 4.1 of the USIC Statutes.

SR.2.2 Championship Rules

The specific rules for each USIC Championship can be downloaded from the USIC Website (Go to 'Download' then to 'Sportrules'). These rules form an integral part of these Sport Regulations.

Alpine Skiing
Angling
Athletics
Badminton
Basketball
Bowling
Chess
Cross Country
Cycling
Football Qualifying Rounds/Finals
Futsal
Golf
Marathon
Nordic Skiing
Orienteering
Shooting
Table Tennis
Tennis
Volleyball

SR.2.3 International USIC Championships (Railsport Championships)

USIC International championships will take a place if minimum 6 countries will participate.

SR.2.4 Organisational Issues

Unless organisational issues are specifically mentioned in the invitation, any such matters shall be subject to the principles contained in the International USIC Championship Discipline Rules.

SR.2.5 Residential Costs

All costs connected with the stay, i.e. the teams' accommodation and food during the relevant USIC championship, shall be borne by the host country in accordance with the championship programme.

SR.2.6 Medical Assistance

Shall be provided by the organisers.

SR.2.7 Insurance

All participants in USIC events participate at their own risk. It is recommended to take out a good insurance policy.

SR.2.8 Visa Requirements

¹ The organising country shall ensure that any documents required for visa purposes, such as the official invitation, shall reach the participating country and/or the embassy concerned in good time.

² Each participating team shall be responsible for obtaining their visas.

SR.2.9 Travel Concessions and costs subject to national Provisions

¹ Travel concessions for foreign countries shall be subject to national provisions and international agreements. Generally speaking, travel concessions shall be requested by each participant from his/her own railway administration.

² The venue to be selected by the organisers and proposed to the USIC Board shall be in a location which the participants of the participating countries can easily reach by rail or by air (airport). If no direct rail journey is feasible due to the large distances involved, the organisers shall recommend a nearby airport.

³ The participating countries will bear the cost of the transport to and from the station or airport specified by the organising country. The cost of the transfer from/to the specified station or airport to/from the hotel accommodation, the cost of transport to and from the sports facilities and the cost of the transport during the excursion tour will be borne by the organising country.

SR.2.10 Delegations

¹ The Head of delegation, mechanic and physiotherapist are not allowed to participate in any USIC competition (not even as a substitute).

² In the declaration of participation by name the president of a participating country may not enter the trainer as a player.

³ The above rule is to be monitored by the organisers, and if not adhered to the declaration of participation by name is to be rejected.

⁴ Only in case of an injury or health problems during a USIC Championship, the trainer can act as a substitute player. In this case he has to meet the requirements as described in Article S4.1 of the USIC Statutes and has to be listed in the declaration of participation.

⁵ A team without a Head of delegation is only allowed after discussion with and approval of the Chairman of the Core Technical Team and the Organiser.

SR.2.11 Referees

The organisers shall appoint the referees who must be qualified at a national federations sports level. If required, further details will be specified in the Discipline Rules.

SR.3 Executive provisions applicable to Organisers of USIC Championships

SR.3.1 Miscellaneous

¹ Details of the organisers are contained in the invitation and are available on the USIC website subject to approval by the General Secretary. These Sport Regulations shall apply to all USIC disciplines.

² The championship program as well as the composition of delegations is contained in the Discipline Rules.

SR.3.2 Preparation of USIC Championships

¹ Up-to-date country flags and anthems are available on the USIC website. Each country shall ensure that they are always up-to-date. (Any changes shall be advised to the General Secretariat).

² Both the current address and the list of authorised signatories for the registration of USIC championships are available under the menu item 'National Associations' on the USIC website. (Any changes shall be advised to the General Secretariat).

³ Invitations and registrations shall exclusively be processed by email. Each country shall be responsible for advising the General Secretariat of their current address.

⁴ The technical organisation of all USIC championships shall exclusively be based on the version of the Discipline Rules available on the USIC website.

⁵ The championship dates and venue shall be announced at least one year in advance.

⁶ An official invitation shall be sent to any interested member countries no later than six months prior to the championship.

SR.3.3 Invitations

¹ The organisers of a USIC championship shall enter all required information on the relevant form available under 'Download' on the USIC website and shall send the completed form directly to the General Secretariat. The latter shall then use that information and issue the official invitation by posting it on the USIC website.

² The invitation shall be announced by email and shall be posted on the USIC website. The accuracy of the details provided shall be monitored by the General Secretariat. Any incomplete information shall be requested by the General Secretariat from the organisers.

³ The invitation shall contain the following details:

- the type of event
- the organising country (name and address)
- the venue
- the address and telephone number of the accommodation (including mobile phone number of an English speaking person)
- the name and address of the competition venue
- the dates of the event
- the date of arrival and departure of the competitors
- recommended journey
- accommodation
- timetable
- The maximum number of competitors and any accompanying officials (delegations according the Sports Rules)
- the registration deadline
- registration and participation fees
- travel costs
- Declaration of definite participation
- Declaration of participation by name
- any points of a general nature

⁴ Invitation from the Organisers

Any personal letter from the organisers accompanying the invitation and/or additional information in respect of the USIC championship can, of course, be drafted and designed in accordance with the wishes of the organisers. Such letters shall be

sent to the General Secretariat together with the information covering the general part and will be posted on the USIC website.

⁵ Accompanying persons

As a matter of principle, no provisions shall be made for any accompanying persons. However, in exceptional circumstances, the organisers may permit a limited number of accompanying persons so that USIC championships may retain their special character. Any costs to be borne by such accompanying persons shall be set out in the invitation.

SR.3.4 Competitor Registrations

¹ Each country shall register their participation by following a two-step procedure:

1. Declaration of definite participation (approx. five months prior to the USIC championship)
2. Declaration of participation by name (2 months prior to the USIC championship)

² Such registrations may only be submitted on the official forms downloadable from the USIC website (www.usic-sports.org).

³ A copy of the completed form in respect of the declaration of participation by name shall be printed out and shall then be signed by the President of the national rail-sport association or his/her representative confirming the accuracy of the competitor details as well as his/her eligibility to compete. This signed list shall be submitted at the USIC championship by the head of delegation when all competitors are verified by the official USIC Representative.

SR.3.5 Organisation of the USIC Championship

¹ Technical meetings shall be chaired by a representative of the organisers of the USIC championship.

² At each USIC championship, the organisers shall have an up-to-date version of the applicable international sports rules to hand and if necessary, this may be consulted by the Technical Manager. However, USIC rules shall take precedence.

³ The USIC Representative, together with the Technical Manager, shall monitor the proper conduct of the USIC championship.

⁴ Prior to the start of the championship, a copy of the declaration of participation shall be handed to the USIC Representative.

⁵ In the absence of the official USIC Representative, the President or the General Secretary of the organising country, together with a known USIC official who is present in the ranks of the participating countries shall be entitled to check and confirm the documents.

⁶ A daily information bulletin with the competition results and names of appointed referees, etc. shall be issued during the championship.

⁷ A minimum of two technical meetings shall be held during USIC championships. The first technical meeting shall be held prior to the initial competitions and shall be followed by the identification check (ID-Check) to be carried out by the USIC Representative. For the ID-Check the Head of Delegation must present to the following documents to the USIC Representative:

Signed form "Declaration of participation by name" and the personal legitimization from the participants.

The last technical meeting shall be held after the final competition. A relevant report shall be produced by the USIC Representative.

⁸ During a championship the programme may be changed at short notice due to special circumstances at the venue. The application should come from the jury and is approved by simple majority of votes at a technical meeting.

⁹ The organisers shall not be obliged to provide any training facilities during USIC championships.

SR.3.6 Setting and Ceremony at USIC Championships

¹ As is customary at international events and in line with the standing of sports competitions concerned, the setting and ceremony should meet the usual standards with due regard to the facilities available to the organisers and external conditions.

² With this in mind, the customs of the organising country should be taken into account, for example, with regard to playing the national anthem and that of USIC, the performance of serious musical works or choral performances, the raising of the colours of the country, the city or federation, or flags of associations.

³ Finally, attention shall be paid to the honours to be bestowed on the athletes themselves, taking into account local customs and traditions and thus bringing the event to the dignified close it deserves.

⁴ The time schedule shall follow the details laid down in the technical rules.

⁵ The opening ceremony shall be conducted in the following sequence of events:

- Parade of the various national delegations
- Speeches by politicians, public representatives, sponsors, organisers and USIC officials
- Official opening of the championship by the USIC Representative whilst raising the USIC flag and playing the USIC anthem

⁶ Reception of the Heads of Delegation

The reception of the heads of delegation is a meeting of the local authorities, the organising committee and the heads of delegation of all participating countries as an expression of their solidarity with the championship venue.

⁷ Closing Ceremony

The final evening should be spent in an atmosphere of celebrations. The national flags of all participating countries should be displayed to create an appropriately festive backdrop. The prize-giving ceremony should demonstrate a respectful appreciation of the competitors' achievements. The evening should be rounded off by cultural local performances.

SR.3.7 Evaluation of the USIC Championship

¹ Following the end of the competitions, however, prior to the closing ceremony, a technical meeting of the heads of delegations together with the organisers and the USIC representative shall be held to evaluate any technical matters, document any problems and work out concrete proposed solutions.

² Any proposals for the amendment of the relevant Discipline Rules shall be entered on the appropriate form and shall be sent to the USIC Chairman of the Core Technical Team and the General Secretariat.

³ Immediately after the USIC championship, the organisers shall send the complete set of results and a few photos to the General Secretariat for publication on the USIC website.

SR.4 Technical Matters

SR.4.1 General Remarks

¹ The conduct of each USIC championship shall be subject to the relevant Discipline Rules which take into account the specific situation of non-professional rail sport. If no specific regulations are contained in those rules, the international discipline rules of the relevant discipline shall apply.

² The Discipline Rules are available on the USIC website. Only the version on the USIC website shall apply. The Discipline Rules may only be changed or amended by the Core Technical Team.

SR.4.2 Jury of Appeal

The jury of appeal shall consist of representatives of three of the countries present, the USIC Representative and the local organisers' Technical Manager. The Chair shall be held by the USIC Representative or the local organisers' Technical Manager. In the jury there is only one person per country. The Jury of Appeal shall be elected by the majority of votes of team leaders by all countries present at the first technical meeting during the relevant USIC championship.

SR.4.3 Protest

Possible protests may be submitted subject to the following deadlines and shall be addressed to the jury of appeal:

- a) Any protests regarding an athlete's eligibility: prior to the start
- b) Any protests regarding any irregularities during the championship: in writing within 15 minutes following the end of a race or the end of the game concerned
- c) Any protests regarding classification: in writing within 30 minutes following the announcement of the ranking list. The result has to be provided to the Head of delegations in the daily Bulletin. The final results should be providing to the Head of delegations latest one hour after the last race/game

All decisions by the Jury of Appeal shall be final and no appeals shall be permitted.

SR.5 Tournament Schedule

The tournament schedule is to be used for the following disciplines: Basketball, Football, Futsal, Tennis, Table Tennis and Volleyball.

SR.5.1 Drawing of Lots

Championship draws are to be held on the eve of the championship during the Technical Meeting. At the request of the organising country the drawing can be held during the General Meeting.

SR.5.2 Tournament Schedule

SR.5.2.1 Qualifying Round

¹ Depending on the number of participating countries there will be two, three or four groups in the qualifying round. Each group consists of three, four or five countries. By draw the participating countries will be placed in one of these groups, according to the following principles:

² The organising country will be placed first in the first group, while the current USIC champion will be placed first in the second group. Depending on the number of groups in the qualifying round the country that ended second at the previous championship will be placed first in the third group and the country that ended third at the previous championship will be placed first in the fourth group. If the current USIC champion and/or the country that ended as second or third will not participate, the country that ended fourth (etc.) at the previous championship will be automatically placed first. By draw the rest of the participating countries will be assigned to one of the groups.

³ In each group the countries are playing against each other. Based on the rules for the sport in question the ranking of each group will be determined.

SR.5.2.2 Final Round

In the final round, the countries which ended first or second in their group during the qualifying round will play for the USIC championship. The other countries will play for the lower rankings.

SR.6 Ranking

If two or more teams have the same number of points, the order will be determined according to the system specified in the rules of the respective sport.

Applies only to Football (Qualifications, Final), Futsal, Volleyball and Basketball.

SR.7 Medals

See annexed table

SR.8 Annex

Separate document comprising

- tournament schedule
- medals

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