

IFAF TF EC M U19

Factsheet for Participants



The IFAF Tackle Football Men's U19 European Championships - in short U19 EC - will be played in a biyearly cycle starting 2021. As format the Competition Committee of IFAF European Directorate wants to play in tournament form in both years of the competition. Every team should end up playing 2-3 games in those tournaments in every single year. Teams that qualify for World Championships will be able to skip the qualification round (=first year of the competition).

Year	EC Qualification	EC Tournament	WC Tournament
2021	x		Canada U19
2022		x	Host?
2023	x		
2024		x	Host?
2025	x		Tbd U20
2026		x	Host?
2027	x		
2028		x	Tbd U20 Host?

It is only possible to enter the competition in the year of EC Qualification. All nations in good standing with IFAF are invited to participate.

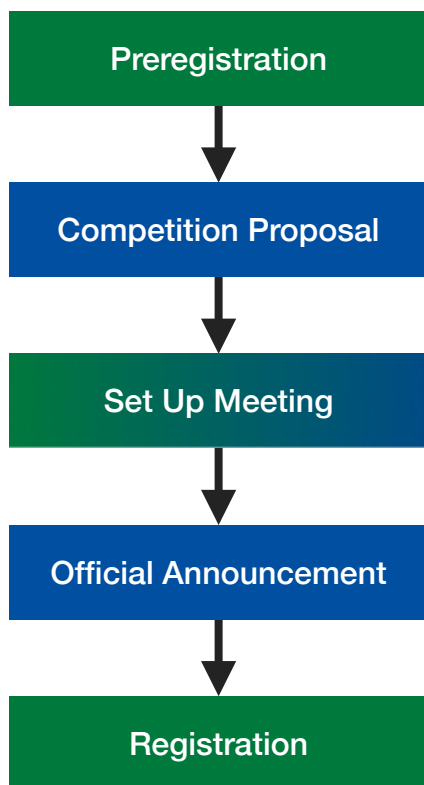
Registration Process

As the number of participants is needed in order to get to a final setting for the competition this is a multi step process.

If you want to participate in this competition please use the following link for **Preregistration**:

[Link to Preregistration Form](#)

Please answer all questions. Preregistration is open until **December 18th**. Without preregistration you will not be able to participate.



Before Christmas IFAF will make one or several **proposals** for the tournament based on the preregistered participants. The number of participants is usually the most important factor to find a suitable competition proposal.

On January 7th, 2021 5:30p.m. CET a **set up meeting** will be held via Videoconferencing. All preregistered participants are invited to participate and discuss the proposal of IFAF for the tournament.

Three days later IFAF will **officially announce** the final form of the **U19 EC 2021**.

The preregistered teams will have a week to officially register for the tournament and pay their participation fee. After this step IFAF will officially publish a list of participants and negotiate details with the potential host(s). Any changes of preregistered participants are immediately circulated to all participants.

EC Qualification

The goal is to have at least 2 games per participant in the qualification year. Qualification procedures depend on the number of participants.

- Qualification should be played in tournament form.
- Depending on the size of the groups/tournaments this can result in 2 or 3 games for every team.
- Spots are always filled in the order of the IFAF ranking of every participant.
- Teams participating in the World Championships will get a fixed seed for the EC Tournament and do not have to participate in qualification.
- In case the final format includes groups that play tournaments: The highest ranked team may be required to host at defined minimum standards if no other nation applies to host.

IFAF U19 Standings Bologna 2019	
Rank	Team
1	Austria
2	Sweden
3	France
4	Denmark
5	Finland
6	Spain
7	Italy
8	Norway

EC Tournament

4/6/8 Team tournaments are realistically possible but also depend heavily on the total number of participants. The tournament has 2-3 gamedays. Basically the same rules apply as for EC qualification.

In order to get to a complete ranking for all participants, all teams from the qualification phase need to also play in the EC tournament phase.

WC Tournament

Depending on the format of the U19/U20 WC the number of European participants is limited to one or two teams. Ideally the participants of a WC can choose if they also want to participate in EC Qualification.

Ranking Procedure

There are three groups of teams registering for the competition:

- A) **Teams that have qualified for the last tournament.** Those teams will be ranked according to the results of the last IFAF U19 tournament.
- B) **Teams that participated** in the last IFAF U19 competition but did not qualify.
- C) **Teams that did not participate** in the last IFAF U19 competition.

The ranking inside the groups B + C can be determined in the following ways:

- By an **expert panel**, or
- By evaluation of **other games** within the last 3 years (WC, EC or friendly games), or
- By **randomly drawing** the rank within the groups.

The IFAF Competition Committee decides with simple majority which of the methods is used in any iteration.

Player Eligibility

For details regarding the definition of nationality please refer to the ***IFAF Tackle Football Qualification & Final Tournament Regulations***.

Eligible players are men from the year they turn 16 of age to the year they turn 19 of age.

While the age bracket on IFAF world level will be raised to U20 in 2024, the decision in Europe is to stay with U19 for EC qualification and EC tournament.

75-Men Roster

All eligible players need to be added to a "IFAF TF EC M U19 75 Men Roster" to be able to participate in the competition. This roster consists of a maximum of 75 players. It includes name, nationality, birthday and the registration number of a passport.

The tournament roster has to be provided to IFAF and the qualification opponents 60 days before the first game adhering to IFAF communication rules.

A tournament roster is only valid for one phase of the competition (Qualification or Tournament). Changes to the roster after the qualification phase has been completed are possible without limitation.

45-Men Gameday Roster

All players on the 45-Men Gameday roster need to be on the 75-Men roster provided for this phase of the competition.

All participating federation need to provide a 45-Men Gameday Roster at the latest 9:00 am local time on the day before a qualification game or the first day of a tournament to IFAF and their opponents adhering to IFAF communication rules.

The 45-men roster need to include

- Full name
- Date of birth
- Jersey number
- Height and Weight
- Club team

All coaches and staff need to be listed in a separate section.

Travel Compensation

There is no travel compensation in the IFAF TF EC M U19.

Incomplete Games

In case of a game does not last for at least 2 full quarters, the home team loses the game with 0:35 points. This has to be reported in the game report by the head referee or an IFAF game observer.

Referees

Any referee will need approval from the IFAF officiating committee of the continental area.

Teams may be required to bring approved referees with them and/or cover the costs.

A team may ask to have up to 3 national referees in their games. The requesting team has to cover the full costs for these referees.

Official Communication

In order to ease the communication all official announcements are made in our project platform "Basecamp". If you are not already included in the platform please notify Gregor, so he can set you up.

IFAF Contact

For any questions please contact the Director for Europe any time via e-mail.

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