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European Junior Championship 2008

- Qualification Format

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This qualification format is published to give any federation an idea what they have to expect if they enter the tournament.

Qualification rounds: March 1 – June 8, 2008

Final rounds: July 11th to July 21st, 2008

Hosting federation: AEFA and location of tournament is Sevilla.

Mode of qualification considering 8 participants (in Spain):

Directly qualified:

Host: Spain

Reigning champion: France

Qualification System based on the results of the last EJC 2006, technical and geographical aspects.

Guidelines:

- travel costs shall be limited and reduced (to compensate the higher final tournament accommodation fee of EJC 2008 (10.000 EUR))
- more teams than in the last edition shall at least have one home game to promote its national team program

Concept:

- Allocate group heads based on the tournament's results of the last final tournament
- Allocate the other teams in one group based on regional and technical aspects

Group Heads:

1. Germany
2. Austria
3. Sweden
4. Russia
5. Denmark
6. Finland

Higher ranking allows playing at home. Should a team decide not to participate, the opponent will move forward to the next round.

All qualification game dates have to be approved by EFAF. Please wait with any invitation until the final qualification mode is published.

Please note again: EFAF does not know before the end of the entry period which federation will enter the qualification round and which will not. Do not start to make travel arrangements before you have the final notification of EFAF to whom you have to play in qualification. The only thing which is known at this time is that AEFA is host and will not need to qualify and France will automatically qualify as champion.

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