

**CUP OF EUROPE AMONG CLUB TEAMS IN SUMO
(SUMO EUROPEAN CLUBS CUP (SECC))
THE RULES**

Terms

Cup
Stage of the Cup
SECC-committee
The commissioner
Hall
Club
Disciplinary rules SECC

ARTICLE 1. THE PURPOSES AND TASKS OF THE CUP

- 1.1. Competition is held with the view of:
- Definitions of the winner and prize-winners of the Cup;
 - Definitions of places of Club teams in the final score table.
- 1.2. Holding the Cup is directed to the decision of the following tasks:
- Further Sumo development in Europe;
 - Increase of the athletes' skill level
 - Popularizations of Sumo;
 - Creation of truly sports show.

ARTICLE 2. ORGANIZATION AND HOLDING OF THE CUP

- 2.1. Holding and operative management of the Cup is accomplished by SECC-Committee.
- 2.2. The SECC-Committee carries out:
- Development and the statement of the present Rules (including appendices to it) and the Calendar of the Cup;
 - Licensing Clubs, certifying (licensing) coaches and the halls;
 - Organization of refereeing;
 - Statement of the list of referees for the Cup service;
 - Development of the list and sizes of the penal sanctions applied to participants of the Cup;
 - Imposing sanctions on athletes, officials and other subjects who are working in Sumo area for breaking the Cup Rules;
 - Statement of results of the Cup;
 - Awarding winners and prize-winners of the Cup;
 - Procedure of the Clubs' admission for participation in the Cup;
 - Statement of sizes of introductory and member's fee and other payments;
 - Financing of refereeing;
 - Holding stages of the Cup (change of date, time of the beginning and a place of their carrying out) in the order stipulated by the present Rules;
 - Registration of results of the Cup stages;
 - Preparation and conclusion of Sponsor's contracts, their support and service, the duly notice of Clubs on conditions of the made contracts, representation of reports on the course of their realization;
 - Organization of release of polygraphic production and production of the attributes necessary for holding the Cup;
 - Organization of broadcasting of the Cup stages by radio and TV, channels of mobile communication and also in the Internet network;
 - Operative interaction with law-enforcement bodies and other structures responsible for maintenance of the public order and safety at holding the Cup;
 - Control over observance of positions of the present Rules;
 - Other powers according to the present Rules.
 - Statement of the rate of commission subject to payment to referees;
 - Organization, financing and carrying out the doping control;
 - Release of press releases;
 - Definition of the financial assets to define the sum of penal sanctions applied to participants of the Cup.

ARTICLE 3. PARTICIPANTS OF THE CUP

- 3.1. Participants of the Cup can be only the Clubs being members of SECC-Committee duly paying the fee and making other payments in the order, sizes and terms determined by the present Rules.
- 3.2. The structure of participants of the Cup is defined by the SECC-Committee.
- 3.3. Clubs are obliged to direct to SECC-Committee up to _____, the written confirmation of their participation in the Cup.
- 3.4. Change of the name of the Club during the Cup is not supposed.
- 3.5. The team of any Club can be eliminated from the competitions during the Cup stage on the following reasons:
- Regular infringement by the Club of the present Rules and decisions of SECC-Committee;
 - Repeated absence on the stage of the Cup;
 - Rendering direct or indirect influence on participants of competition, including attempt of payoff or payoff with the purpose of rendering influence on the result of the Cup.

ARTICLE 4. ORGANIZATION OF COMPETITIONS

- 4.1. Competitions of the Cup are held by the "circular" system - in _____ stages.
- 4.1.1. The sequence of team meets among themselves within the framework of each stage is determined by a toss-up which is accepted by SECC-Committee before the beginning of the given stage of the Cup.
- 4.2. Competitions are held by Sumo Rules in accordance with the present Rules.
- 4.3. The place and time of holding competitions are determined by SECC-Committee.
- 4.4. The team representative is obliged not later than one hour prior to the beginning of the Cup stage enter in the minutes of competitions surnames and names of fighters.
- 4.5. For participation in a stage of the Cup unregistered when due or disqualified athletes (participation considers entering the athlete into the report of competition) the result of the stage is cancelled and the team is subjected to sanctions according to Disciplinary SECC Rules.
- 4.6. Surnames are brought in the report of the stage of the Cup in section "Officials" and the initials of officials of the Club - not more than three persons.
- 4.7. To the report of the stage of the Cup the additional list "Technicians" in which surnames and the initials of administrative and technical workers of Club are included, can be added: translators, masseurs - not more than three persons.
- 4.8. At carrying out the stage of the Cup in the report of the competitions two or three basic and not more than three reserve athletes of each team should be included.
- 4.9. During the stage of the Cup replacement of not more than three athletes in each team is authorized from those included in the competition report.

The athletes representing clubs which declared their agreement according to requirements of the present position can be participants of the competitions.

Any club during accreditation can declare unlimited number of fighters in each weight category.

Replacements of athletes representing clubs are possible only within the lists of fighters after accreditation.

Additional entries of athletes after the start of competitions are not permitted.

Participation of one athlete for two and more clubs during one competitive season is not permitted.

Clubs have the right to include in the team line-up any athlete irrespective of his nationality.

Each participant of competitions before a new stage of the Cup of Europe should undergo control weigh-in, medical examination and procedure of personal identification.

The Organizing Committee has the right to demand from each participant to present accidents insurance and the dope - test.

System of calculation of points.

Team competitions.

Each team shall consist of three participants: one in up to 85 kg weight category, the second in up to 115 kg weight category and the third in over 115 kg weight category.

All teams shall compete by the circular system. The team receives one point for each victory. The team scored the greatest number of points becomes the winner of the current stage of the European Cup.

All the points scored at all the Cup stages are summarized and the team which accumulates the greatest number of points by the end of a competitive season becomes the owner of the Cup of Europe among club teams.

Rules of holding the meets correspond to the International Sumo Rules and their observance is supervised by the European Sumo Union.

The dress of participants shall consist of mawashi of any color and it is allowed to display on it the name of the club or the name of the title sponsor.

Definition of team places and awarding of winners.

The points, received by the teams at each stage, are recorded and kept up to the following stage of competition. The points received at each following stage of competition are summarized with the previous. The team scored the greatest number of points after the sixth stage of competitions becomes the owner of the Cup of Europe. The club entered incomplete team line-up automatically does not receive points in those weight categories in which the club did not enter athletes.

The club which has not taken part in one stage of the Cup can continue competing but the defeats in all fights of the missed stage will be taken into account.

The application for participation in the Cup and the order of its registration.

The club wishing to take part in the Cup of Europe in a coming season should present to the Organizing Committee not later than -----the entry of the following pattern:

THE APPLICATION

FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE CUP OF EUROPE AMONG CLUB TEAMS

The name of the Club team

N ^o #	First name, middle initial, last name (completely)	Date of birth	Weight category	The best sports result	Citizenship	First name, middle initial, last name of the coach	The personal signature of the athlete to prove his consent
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Director of the Club, head coach of the Club team, the official representative of the Club

Stamp " _____ " 20 ____.

Entries are accepted only in printing.

The table shall include the data of all the athletes who will represent the Club in the current season.

Together with the entry the Club submits the letter addressed to the chairman of the Organizing Committee with the request to accept its entry, the guarantee of the Rules observance and the consent with all requirements of the present position, instruction of the essential elements, addresses and the name of the head.

Obligatory appendices to the letter shall be the copies of athletes' and coaches' accidents insurance certificates, description of the hall in which the Club is ready to hold one of stages of the Cup of Europe (the area of the hall, number of spectators' seats, the opportunity to install the high dohyo and yakhata, sound, light, projective equipment, etc.).

Guarantee of payment of the entrance fee and granting at least one judge at each stage of the Cup.

Protests.

In case of disagreement with the results of refereeing or the sum total of competitions the official representative of the Club - participant has the right to submit to the Organizing Committee the written protest which should be considered within three days and the written answer should be given.

Organizing Committee of any Club - participant of the European Cup has the right to withdraw from the competitions for unethical behavior athletes or official representatives of the club during the competitions or for absence from two and more stages of the Cup. In this case, the money which the club had paid as a starting payment is not returned.

ARTICLE 5. THE CALENDAR OF THE CUP

5.1. Stages of the Cup are held in the terms established by the Calendar of the Cup.

5.2. To hold the Cup under other terms may be allowed in the following cases:

- Modification in the Calendar of the Cup;
- In force-majeur circumstances.

Thus, with the competitions which are planned for TV show, the change of date, time and venue less than 14 calendar days prior to the date of the Cup stage start earlier approved by the Calendar, is not allowed except for force-majeur circumstances.

5.3.1. The decision to hold the Cup stage is made by SECC-Committee, Clubs and the general TV company.

5.3.2. The place and date of holding the transferred Competitions are determined by SECC-Committee.

ARTICLE 6. CONDITIONS OF HOLDING COMPETITIONS

6.1. The club is obliged not later than five days prior to the arrival, inform SECC-Committee of the date and arrival time, quantity of the delegation and the time of work-outs.

6.2. Teams - participants are obliged to arrive at the venue for competitions not later than one hour prior to the start of the Cup stage.

Absence of the team at the competition area an hour prior to the start of the competitions is regarded as absence.

6.3. For absence of the team at the Cup stage (except force-majeur circumstances) the Club is imposed to sanctions according to the Disciplinary Rules.

6.4. Team representatives are obliged to be present at the organization meeting before the start of the Cup stage authorized by Commissioner and in his absence – the Chief Official, and carry out the orders of the stated persons on the organization of the given Cup stage.

6.5. Clubs - participants are direct organizers of the Cup stages held at their facilities including the right of release and realization of entrance tickets and subscriptions (being forms of the strict account in the established form) at the specified stages of the Cup, and bear responsibility for non-compliance and/or inadequate compliance with conditions of holding the stage of the Cup and Transmission according to the present Rules.

6.6. The host Club is obliged:

- a) To arrange transportation for official participants of the competitions from train station (airport) to the Hotel and back, during training and competitions - from the Hotel to the Hall and back;
 - b) To exclude presence of strange persons in the referees/judges room. Except the refereeing team official representatives of the Club entered in the report of the Cup stage and having the right to sign the sheets can also be present in the referees' room.
 - c) Within the limits of its competence and cooperation with law-enforcement bodies and the Hall administration provide public order and safety of spectators and participants of the competitions;
 - d) To provide SECC-Committee with express telephone and facsimile communication, access to the Internet;
 - e) To provide all participants of the Cup stage with sufficient supply of soft drinks, coffee, tea;
 - f) To provide the presence in the Hall during the competitions the Ambulance, medical personnel and resuscitation equipment.
- 6.7. Presence of the persons not entered in the report of the Cup stage in the Technical zone during the competitions is not allowed.
- 6.8. Head team coaches are obliged to take part in the Press conference which shall be held in the specially set and equipped premises of the Hall after the end of Cup stage competitions.
- 6.9. The accredited mass-media and broadcasting companies which do not have permission to Transmission have the right to interview athletes and coaches. Clubs should provide the pass through the Mixed zone of all athletes of the teams and inform sumotori of the Mass media requests for interviews in case they have permission to do it in the Mixed zone.

ARTICLE 7. PARTICIPANTS' OUTFIT

- 7.1. The athletes' outfit should correspond to the requirements of ESU Sumo Rules. Otherwise the athletes are not admitted to the competitions.
- 7.2. Mawashi color of the fighters of one team should be the same and differ from the white one.
- 7.3. The emblem of the Club should be placed on the forward side of the fighter's mawashi.
- 7.4. On the fighters outfit it is allowed to place horizontal and/or vertical advertising of the Club official sponsors.
- 7.5. The outfit of Referees should correspond to ESU requirements.
- 7.6. On the Referees outfit it is allowed to place promotional material of partners and/or sponsors as agreed with SECC-Committee.

ARTICLE 8. VENUE OF THE CUP STAGES

- 8.1. Stages of the Cup are held in the Hall accommodated by the Club which provides the holding of the current stage of the Cup.
- 8.2. The hall should have the Certificate of conformity of the established category and meet the requirements of the Technical Rules regarding the organization of TB-translation.
- 8.3. The hall should be in the territory where the Club is registered and to which jurisdiction of corresponding Regional federation is distributed. In case of emergency by the decision of SECC-Committee the competitions can be transferred to other halls having the Certificate of conformity.
- 8.3. To hold the Cup stage in the Hall which does not correspond to the requirements of the present Rules is forbidden.
- 8.4. The hall in which competitions are held should have:
 - High dohyo with yakhata. Dohyo should correspond to Sumo Rules and can be natural (clay) or synthetic;
 - Stands for spectators with capacity not less than five hundred people. All seats for spectators should be individually equipped;
 - Systems of connection and power supplies of the television equipment;
 - Projective screen;
 - Equipped premises for holding Press conferences and the equipped room for brief interviews of the team head coaches and athletes;
 - Special seats (box) for journalists with capacity not less than ___ seats equipped with electric sockets;
 - Specially allocated seats (not less than _____) for guests of honor (VIP box).
- 8.5. The primary inspection control of the Hall is made by the Commission of SECC-Committee not later than 10 days prior to the start of the Cup. By the results of the inspection control the Act of the Hall readiness is made and submitted to SECC-Committee.

ARTICLE 9. FINANCIAL CONDITIONS

- 9.1. Financing organization of the Cup and refereeing is carried out within the limits of an account part of the budget.
- 9.2. The Club bears all the necessary charges according to the budget authorized by SECC-Committee and pays the membership fee in the size of _____ euro, under the following terms:
- 9.3. The Club bears responsibility for infringement of the terms of payments and undertaken obligations according to _____.
- 9.4. In case of additional charges during the season and also in connection with inflation the SECC-Committee has the right to increase the size of payments.
- 9.5. These payments are used by SECC-Committee for the following purposes:
 - Administrative charges;
 - The expenses connected with realization of SECC-Committee authorized activity including charges on the organization and holding the Cup, carrying out training (retraining) clinics and improvement of the staff professional skill, etc.;
 - Charges on refereeing maintenance;
 - Charges on production of awards and awarding attributes for winners and prize-winners of the Cup;
 - Miscellaneous costs.
- 9.6. All questions on organization and financing of Referees' work are established by SECC-Committee.
- 9.7. The rate of commission on refereeing of one stage of the Cup makes _____ euro;
- 9.8. Referees' commission of their travel expenses up to the place of the Cup stage and back is made in the rates which do not exceed the airlines economy class fare or a double compartment in the second class sleeper of the fast train including all established dues and fees and other pays including bedding payment.
- 9.9. Referees' accommodation and meals payment is made directly by the host Club on-site.
- 9.10. In case the Club is dropped out or eliminated from participants' line-up of the Cup for any reason the payments paid to it are not returned and go to realization of authorized activity of SECC-Committee.

ARTICLE 10. ENTRY FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE CHAMPIONSHIP AND THE ORDER OF ITS REGISTRATION

- 10.1. For participation in the Cup the Club is obliged to submit to SECC-Committee the entry in the established form in English and pay the membership dues in charge rate and time stipulated by the present Rules.
- 10.2. Triplicate entries made in the official form of A-4 format and also other necessary documents should be presented to SECC-Committee strictly in the established registration periods.
- 10.3. Entries for participation in the Cup are accepted during the registration period from _____ to _____ (up to 24.00 by Central European time).
- 10.4. On behalf of the Club workers of the Club and/or the team are authorized to submit entries (additional entries) acting on the basis of the Charter or the Power of attorney.
- 10.5. Entries (additional entries) shall be signed by the Club director, head coach, doctor of the team and certified by the corresponding seals.
- 10.6. To the entries (additional entries) there should be applied in printed form:
 - Constituent documents certified by the notary or the body which is carrying out state registration of legal persons;
 - Both legal and actual addresses and bank essential elements of the Club with the obligatory indication of phone numbers, e-mail addresses, fax #, Club, the Hall, sports base;
 - Composition of directing bodies of the Club management (Board of directors, Administrative Board, President, the general director, etc.);
 - The list of the Club directors authorized to sign both financial and executive documents, and samples of their signatures;
 - Payment orders with the bank note about their transfer to SECC-Committee the due stipulated by the present Rules;
 - The logotype (emblem) of the Club in color with the sanction of 300 dpi in a format jpg, tiff, cdr;

- Entry (additional entry) lists of the athletes, managing staff, coaches, and technical personnel the of Club and the team;
 - Portrait photos of the athletes, managing staff, coaches and technical personnel.
- 10.7. For every athlete included in the entry (additional entry) list there should be submitted:
- The original of his agreement with club about his participation in the team line-up of this Club;
 - The copy of his civil passport certified by the Club;
 - The original of accidents insurance certificate, minimum of 30000 euro.
- 10.8. In the entry (additional entry) list the athlete's surname, name and patronymic should correspond to published data. If the athlete competes under a pseudonym it is entered in brackets after surname, name and patronymic.
- 10.9. During the season in the Club entries and additional entries list not more than 9 athletes can be totally registered.
- 10.10. The entries of the managing staff, coaches' and technicians' personnel can be carried out during the whole period of holding the Cup.

ARTICLE 11. Refereeing of THE CUP COMPETITIONS

- 11.1. Refereeing of the Cup Competitions is carried out according to Sumo Rules.
- 11.2. Rights and duties of Referees during the Competitions are established by Sumo Rules and also by the present Rules and other documents accepted by SECC-Committee.
- 11.3. Referees, approved by SECC-Committee are admitted to refereeing of Cup stages.
- 11.4. Club requests to replace the Referees appointed to the competitions are not accepted.
- 11.5. Refereeing can not be carried out by disqualified (discharged) Referees.
- 11.6. In case of absence at the competition of the appointed Referees the Competition may be served by the most qualified Referees of the local board.
- 11.7. Not later than one hour prior to the start of competitions the Referee is obliged to fill in the necessary columns of the report, and the authorized representatives of the Club teams - enter in the minutes athletes and official persons participating the Cup stage and certify it with their signature and the signature of the doctor.
- 11.8. Not later than one hour prior to the start of the Cup stage the Referee should examine the venue of the competitions and estimate its suitability for holding the competitions.
- 11.9. The referee is obliged to achieve from the officials responsible for holding the competitions immediate elimination of the infringements and lacks in preparation of the Hall for competitions revealed during preliminary survey of the Hall. All remarks should be stated in the report of the Cup.
- 11.10. The referee is obliged to begin the competitions at the time agreed with the Basic speaker.
- 11.11. After the end of the Cup stage the referee is obliged within 40 minutes to draw the report of the competition, and team representatives are obliged to sign it.

ARTICLE 12. accreditation of MASS MEDIA

- 12.1. Accreditation of mass media for Cup stages is held by the Clubs.
- 12.2. Clubs carry out accreditation of mass media at every stage of the Cup separately (single accreditation), or for the whole season (seasonal accreditation) at their own judgment and on their conditions. Accreditation cards which are given out by Clubs operate exclusively within the limits of the Hall in which the stage of the Cup is held by the corresponding Club.
- 12.3. Accreditation of mass media at the stages of the Cup held during the whole Cup.
- 12.4. Accreditation at the Cup stages of broadcasting and working in Internet- space mass media as well as other organizations which do not belong to mass media but lay claim to get the rights to realize broadcasting or Internet transmission is held by the Clubs by the written agreement with SECC-Committee.
- 12.5. The representatives of mass-media, who have no contractual relationships with any other editorial staff, receive accreditation certificates in the order established by items 12.1 or 12.4 of the present Rules depending on the purpose of accreditation.

ARTICLE 13. DEFINITION OF TEAM PLACES

- 13.1. Places of teams in the tournament score table in the course of the Cup and by its results are determined by the sum of the points scored in all stages of the Cup of the current season. One point is scored for the victory in the fight, no points are scored for the loss.
- 13.2. The team scored the greater number of points than the other one is placed in the current and final score table of the tournament higher than that.
- 13.3. In case of the equal number of points with two and more teams, places of the teams in the Cup score table are determined:
- by the results of meets among themselves.
- 13.3.1. At absolute equality of all indicated parameters the team places in the final tournament score table are determined in the additional meet between these teams.

ARTICLE 14. AWARDING OF THE WINNER AND PRIZE-WINNERS OF THE CUP

- 14.1. The Club, which team has won the first place in the final score table of the Cup, is given the title of « Winner of the European Team Cup » and is presented with the special challenge prize "SECC".
- 14.1.1. The special challenge prize is presented to the Club - Winner for one year.
- 14.1.1.1. The Club - Winner bears responsibility for damage or loss of this prize and should deliver it independently to SECC-Committee not later than one month prior to the start of the last stage of the next year.
- 14.1.1.2. Instead of the special challenge prize the Club - Winner receives for ever its reduced copy (4/5 sizes of the original) with the inscription "Duplicate".
- 14.2. Clubs, which teams took the second and third places in the Cup, are awarded with diplomas and prizes of the SECC-Committee.
- 14.3. Manufacturing of prize attributes is made by SECC-Committee.

ARTICLE 15. DISCIPLINARY SANCTIONS

- 15.1. Disciplinary sanctions to Clubs, officials and athletes are applied by SECC-Committee according to the Disciplinary rules.