



## 2025 GREEK GRAND PRIX

### WBGF WORLD TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS REGULATIONS

**TOURNAMENT MODEL:** Round Robin Groups with Playoffs + Quarter Final / Semi Final / Final

- National teams of 5 players (+5 substitutes allowed)
- Women's teams of 3 players (+3 substitutes allowed)
- Clock mandatory (2 minutes bank per game + 12 seconds delay per move)

**HOW TO CREATE THE ROUND ROBIN GROUPS:** All teams that have participated minimum 4 of previous 10 editions of the event will be ranked according to their "Average Seeding Points" and will be randomly distributed into 4 groups.

Details about the "Average Seeding Points" criteria and team distributions can be found at the end of this document.

**AMOUNT OF ROUNDS IN GROUP STAGE:** According to the amount of teams in each group, each team will play each other once.

**# of matches to be played in group phase = Amount of teams in the group - 1**

**MATCH POINTS:** All matches will be played to;

- 11 points in Group Stage Rounds, Playoffs & Ranking Rounds between 5th-8th places,
- 13 points in Quarter Finals, Semi Finals & 3rd/4th decider,
- 15 points in Grand Finals.

**PAIRINGS IN EACH ROUND:** At the start of the event, all teams will be given a number inside their own groups by manual random draw.

The pairings will be automatic as stated below:

- In groups of 8 teams:

1st Rd	2nd Rd	3rd Rd	4th Rd	5th Rd	6th Rd	7th Rd
1 vs 2	1 vs 3	1 vs 7	1 vs 5	1 vs 4	1 vs 6	2 vs 3
3 vs 5	2 vs 4	2 vs 6	3 vs 6	2 vs 5	3 vs 7	5 vs 6
4 vs 6	5 vs 7	3 vs 4	2 vs 7	6 vs 7	4 vs 5	4 vs 7
7 vs 8	6 vs 8	5 vs 8	4 vs 8	3 vs 8	2 vs 8	1 vs 8

- In groups of 7 teams:

1st Rd	2nd Rd	3rd Rd	4th Rd	5th Rd	6th Rd	7th Rd
1 vs 2	1 vs 3	1 vs 7	1 vs 5	1 vs 4	1 vs 6	2 vs 3
3 vs 5	2 vs 4	2 vs 6	3 vs 6	2 vs 5	3 vs 7	5 vs 6
4 vs 6	5 vs 7	3 vs 4	2 vs 7	6 vs 7	4 vs 5	4 vs 7
7 Bye	6 Bye	5 Bye	4 Bye	3 Bye	2 Bye	1 Bye

- In groups of 6 teams:

1st Rd	2nd Rd	3rd Rd	4th Rd	5th Rd
1 vs 2	1 vs 3	1 vs 4	1 vs 5	1 vs 6
3 vs 4	2 vs 5	2 vs 6	2 vs 4	2 vs 3
5 vs 6	4 vs 6	3 vs 5	3 vs 6	4 vs 5

**RANKING CRITERIA:** Teams' overall positions will be (in the following order) decided by:

- 1. Round Points:** Basically, the number of rounds won (x2) as a team.

Teams who win a round are given 2 points, teams who lost are given 0.

Byes are given 1 point each.

- 2. Match Points:** Basically, the number of individual matches won by team members.

Wins of 5-0 brings 5, 4-1 brings 4 & 3-2 brings 3 match points to the winner team.

Losses of 0-5 brings 0, 1-4 brings 1 & 2-3 brings 2 match points to the loser team.

Match points are given as 2 for BYE pairings.

**3. After last round in Groups Phase:** If 2 or more teams have equal round points and match points as well, the criterias of ranking in the row of priority are;

- i. Result of a possible pairing that equal ranked teams played between each other
- ii. Playoff of team consultation matches to 7 points (all team members can consult, clock mandatory; 3 minutes bank per game + 15 seconds delay per move).

**4. Playoff Round:** At the end of Round Robin Group Stage, total of 12 teams, (top 3 of each group) advance to next round.

As group leaders automatically qualify for Final-8, teams getting 2nd and 3rd overall positions in their groups are paired in playoff round one step behind.

Playoff round pairings are A2 vs B3 / B2 vs A3 / C2 vs D3 / D2 vs C3.

**5. Final Eight:** At the end of playoff round, 8 teams qualify for the quarter finals.

Quarter final pairings are A1 vs (C2-D3) / B1 vs (D2-C3) / C1 vs (A2-B3) / D1 vs (B2-A3).

Winners of the quarter finals play the semis, 3rd place match & the finals as losers play for the rankings between 5th-8th positions.

Semi final pairings are (A1, C2, D3) vs (B1, D2, C3) / (C1, A2, B3) vs (D1, B2, A3).

## AVERAGE SEEDING POINTS CRITERIA DETAILS

### HOW TO CALCULATE:

**BASE POINTS** are assigned to the participants of each year according to their overall rankings by turning the ranking position numbers upside down and applying from top to bottom.

Base point of the winner of a year = The total amount of participants

Base point of the finalist of a year = The total amount of participants - 1

Base point of the last ranked participant of a year = 1

**SEEDING POINT = ( BASE POINT / TOTAL AMOUNT OF TEAMS ) X 1000**

Seeding point of the winner of a year = 1000

### EXAMPLE:

X TH EDITION			
RANK	PARTICIPANT	BASE POINT	SEEDING POINT
1	A	10	1000
2	B	9	900
3	C	8	800
4	D	7	700
5	E	6	600
6	F	5	500
7	G	4	400
8	H	3	300
9	I	2	200
10	J	1	100
TOTAL		55	5500

For each participant, seeding points per year are accumulated and the total value is divided into the amount of years participated to reach overall *Average Seeding Points* of all participants.

**AVERAGE SEEDING POINT = TOTAL SEEDING POINTS ACCUMULATED / YEARS PARTICIPATED**

## HOW TO DISTRIBUTE PARTICIPANTS INTO 4 ROUND ROBIN GROUPS:

Participants are ranked in the row of their overall average seeding points. In case of equal values, those who participated more times are ahead.

Participants are distributed into 4 Round Robin Groups by random draw from 6 different bowls.

**Bowl-1 to Bowl-5** will be out of 4 or 8 teams in each, according to their ranking according to their overall average seeding points and WBGF Board decision as well.

**Bowl 6** will be consisting of first time participants with unknown strength.

\*\*\* In principle, teams which have not participated minimum 4 times in the history of team championship can be drawn from the fifth/sixth bowl as newcomers as well.

\*\*\* WBGF Executive Board keeps the authority to decide any of the participants with already known strength shall be drawn from a specific bowl.

There are 25 teams which confirmed their participation in 2025 Greek Grand Prix - World Teams Championship. According to the results of previous 11 years, the overall standings of participant countries according to their average seeding points are as follows.

OVERALL STANDINGS ACCORDING TO TEAM AVERAGE SEEDING POINTS					
#	COUNTRY	YEARS	TEAM TOTAL BASE PNT	TEAM TOTAL SEED PNT	TEAM AVG. SEED POINTS
1	THE NETHERLANDS	2	41	1703	851,5
2	CROATIA	3	32	2438	812,7
3	DENMARK	11	142	8637	785,2
4	JAPAN	3	48	2211	737,0
5	GERMANY	10	130	7261	726,1
6	ARMENIA	2	32	1359	679,5
7	SWEDEN	9	112	6018	668,7
8	UNITED KINGDOM	10	121,5	6479	647,9
9	RUSSIA	3	39	1925	641,7
10	NORWAY	10	115,5	6278	627,8
11	BULGARIA	2	31	1222	611,0
12	GREECE	11	113,5	6635	603,2
13	USA	5	67,5	3014	602,8
14	FRANCE	10	114,5	5913	591,3
15	AUSTRIA	10	104	5882	588,2
16	BELGIUM	9	92	4959	551,0
17	ITALY	8	79	4407	550,9
18	GEORGIA	2	25,5	1012	506,0
19	CZECH REPUBLIC	5	41	2347	469,4
20	ROMANIA	7	67	3223	460,4

21	NORTH MACEDONIA	2	23	906	453,0
22	FINLAND	2	20,5	879	439,5
23	HUNGARY	8	62	3451	431,4
24	BOSNIA HERZEGOVINA	3	26	1284	428,0
25	TURKEY	9	72,5	3663	407,0
26	SOUTH AFRICA	1	8	308	308,0
27	ICELAND	4	13	1145	286,3
28	SERBIA	1	7	280	280,0
29	SWITZERLAND	6	37	1659	276,5
30	IRELAND	1	6	261	261,0
31	UKRAINE	3	16	642	214,0
32	CYPRUS	6	25	1261	210,2
33	GIBRALTAR	9	22	1171	130,1
34	IRAN	1	3	130	130,0
35	MONTENEGRO	1	1	38	38,0

Participant countries will randomly be distributed into 4 groups from 6 different bowls as follows, in order to make the distribution as equal as possible regarding the strength of each group.

### WBGF 2025 WORLD TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP BOWL POSITIONS:

The distribution below is valid if and only if all pre-registered teams show up at the start of the competition. WBGF Board keeps the authority to change the distributions of bowls in case minimum 1 team is absent.

BOWL	BY SEEDING STANDINGS	BY WBGF BOARD DECISION
#1	DENMARK, JAPAN, GERMANY, SWEDEN	
#2	UNITED KINGDOM, NORWAY, GREECE, USA, FRANCE, AUSTRIA, BELGIUM	THE NETHERLANDS
#3	ITALY, ROMANIA	GEORGIA, FINLAND
#4	HUNGARY, BOSNIA HERZEGOVINA, TURKEY, SWITZERLAND	
#5	UKRAINE, CYPRUS, GIBRALTAR	
#6		SERBIA, IRELAND