



2023 SKOPJE OPEN

WBGF WORLD TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP REGULATIONS

TOURNAMENT MODEL: 4 Round Robin Groups with Playoffs + Quarter Final / Semi Final / Final

- Teams of 4 players (+4 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 9 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 group matches will be played to;

- 11 points in Group Stage Rounds & Playoffs,
- 13 points in Quarter Finals & Semi Finals & Ranking Rounds between 3rd-8th places,
- 15 points in 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 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) and tied (x1) as a team.

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

Draws and Byes are given 1 point each.

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

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

Losses of 0-4 brings 0, 1-3 brings 1 match point to the loser team.

A draw of 2-2 brings 2 points to each sides.

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;

- Result of a possible pairing that equal ranked teams played between each other
- Playoff of team consultation matches to 5 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).

* In case of a tie as 2-2 in a playoff round or final eight round pairing, the winner team will be decided by a **Team Consultation** match to 5 points (all team members can consult) (clock mandatory; 3 minutes bank per game + 15 seconds delay per move).

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

Bowl 5 will be consisting of first time participants with recognised strength.

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 X teams which confirmed their participation in 2023 Skopje Open - World Teams Championship. According to the results of previous 9 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	DENMARK	9	120,5	7721	857,9
2	CROATIA	3	32	2438	812,7
3	JAPAN	2	33	1559	779,5
4	GERMANY	8	100,5	6008	751,0
5	ARMENIA	2	32	1359	679,5
6	SWEDEN	7	78	4616	659,4
7	UNITED KINGDOM	8	90	5172	646,5
8	RUSSIA	3	39	1925	641,7
9	GREECE	9	85	5425	602,8
10	NORWAY	8	80,5	4812	601,5
11	BELGIUM	7	72	4124	589,1
12	AUSTRIA	8	75,5	4662	582,8
13	FRANCE	8	78,5	4435	554,4
14	ITALY	6	53,5	3310	551,7
15	USA	3	30	1467	489,0
16	CZECH REPUBLIC	5	41	2347	469,4
17	BULGARIA	1	12	462	462,0
18	HUNGARY	6	45	2757	459,5
19	ROMANIA	5	44	2275	455,0
20	TURKEY	7	54,5	2940	420,0

21	NORTH MACEDONIA	1	9	346	346,0
22	SOUTH AFRICA	1	8	308	308,0
23	ICELAND	4	13	1145	286,3
24	BOSNIA HERZEGOVINA	2	5	444	222,0
25	SWITZERLAND	4	18	875	218,8
26	GEORGIA	1	5,5	212	212,0
27	CYPRUS	4	14	790	197,5
28	GIBRALTAR	7	16	914	130,6
29	UKRAINE	1	3	115	115,0
30	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 2023 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		
#2		
#3		
#4		
#5		
#6		