



23 August 2021

MEMORANDUM FOR ESSL LEAGUE 2021

FROM: ESSL

SUBJECT: QUALIFICATION & TEAM SLOTS FOR ESSL FINALS 2021

1. Due to the Corona situation and the associated change in the ESSL West in two groups (Ladenburg & Almere), no ranking of the places 9th to 12th in the form of an overall ranking by winning percentage takes place. All teams will qualify directly like the TOP 4 of each division. Thereby the number of teams for the ESSL Final 2021 will be extended to 14 teams.
2. Direct qualification: In addition to the TOP 4 of each division (total of 8 teams from Central & West), the 5th, 6th and 7th of the each divisions will qualify for the ESSL finals.
3. ESSL Central: The 7 teams of the division ranked by total points (Munich, Riccione) are qualified.
4. ESSL West: The TOP 4 teams ranked by total points (Almere/July, Ladenburg) are qualified. All other teams will play in Almere to qualify for the additional slots. The first three teams ranked by tournament results are qualified.
5. If a qualified team does not participate in the ESSL final, the next ranked team according to the total points of the division can participate. If this slot is not claimed by any team in the division, the next ranked team by total points of the OTHER division can participate in the ESSL finals.
6. If a team participates only in one tournament, this team is in general not eligible to participate in the ESSL final.
7. Teams must transfer the tournament fee of EUR 250 for the ESSL finals by Tuesday, September 7 2100 hours. If they do not pay the entry fee then they can lose their slot. If a team does not participate in the ESSL final, except for circumstances arising from COVID-19 regulations by the local country, no refund will be made. For teams of ESSL West at the tournament in Almere that finish 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, there will be a refund of the tournament fee for the ESSL final.
8. Teams and players (at least one plate appearance) playing in the B final in Ljubljana (September 11) are not allowed to participate in the ESSL final in Brunssum, Netherlands.