

Tournament Player Eligibility Rules

Worlds Slowpitch Championships · Riccione · Player Roster Regulations

Article 1 — Tournament Categories

The tournament is divided into two categories:

Category	Eligibility	Category Final
Open Open Category	All teams may participate.	Yes — all eligible teams
Amateur Amateur Category	Teams not carrying a SuperCup player in their roster.	Yes — subject to Article 4 conditions.

Article 2 — Player Level Definitions

Level	Description
SuperCup	Highest competitive level in Europe. Subject to special roster restrictions (see Article 3). No Major players allowed!
EuroCup / PremierCup	Second-tier competition level. No inherent roster restrictions.

Article 3 — SuperCup Player Restrictions

3.1 — Roster lock & Free Agent exception

Once a SuperCup player is listed on a team's official roster for Riccione, that player is permanently bound to that roster for the duration of the tournament. The player may not return to their original club team or be transferred to any other roster for the Regensburg tournament in October — except for **one (1) designated Free Agent** per team, who is exempt from this restriction and may return to their original team.

3.2 — Amateur Category exclusion

Any EuroCup or PremierCup team that includes **one or more SuperCup players** in its official Riccione roster is **no longer eligible for the Amateur Category Final**. Such a team may only compete for the final in the **Open Category**.

Article 4 — Amateur Category Championship

4.1 — Standard format

The **two best-ranked Amateur Category teams** from the elimination round advance to the Amateur championship game. The winner is awarded the **Amateur Title**.

4.2 — Exception: Amateur team(s) in the Open final

If **one or both finalists** in the Open Category final are Amateur-eligible teams, the **Amateur championship game is cancelled**. In this case, the Amateur title is determined as follows:

1. **One Amateur team in Open final:** The Amateur title is awarded to the Amateur team.
2. **Two Amateur teams in Open final:** No separate Amateur championship game is played. The winner of the Open final is automatically awarded the Amateur Title.

Only teams fully compliant with Amateur Category eligibility (Article 1) throughout the entire tournament are considered for the Amateur championship.

Article 5 — EuroCup / PremierCup Teams

5.1 — General eligibility

EuroCup and PremierCup teams are not subject to player-level restrictions in relation to their own roster composition. They may freely include players of their own level.

5.2 — SuperCup player participation rights

A SuperCup player who joins a EuroCup or PremierCup team roster for Riccione remains on that roster of the team (subject to Article 3.1), except the Free Agent. However, since SuperCup players are not eligible to *play* in EuroCup or PremierCup competition in Regensburg, any such player:

1. Remains listed on the EuroCup / PremierCup team's Riccione roster.
2. Is **not permitted to play** in Regensburg (or any EuroCup / PremierCup event) as a result of this roster association.

Article 6 — Summary Decision Table for EuroCup/PremierCup Teams

Team type	Roster composition at Riccione	Category eligibility	Regensburg impact
EuroCup / PremierCup	No SuperCup players	Open + Amateur championship eligible	No restriction
EuroCup / PremierCup	1 SuperCup player (Free Agent only)	Open final only	SuperCup player returns to original team
EuroCup / PremierCup	Free Agent + 1 additional SuperCup player	Open final only	Additional SuperCup player roster-locked; cannot play in Regensburg