

IMAC EUROCUP RULES

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1. EuroCup – IMAC Europe Championship

EuroCup is an IMAC Open International Championship, involving semi-scale Pilots from anywhere in the world, organized by and within the IMAC Europe Region.

IMAC Europe organizes the EuroCup Championship with the support of DMFV, the German Airmodeling Federation.

The IMAC EuroCup Championship takes place every year.

2. Championship Format

The total number of EuroCup Open International competitions constituting the Championship Format may vary each year, based on the IMAC National Country organizations' availability to organize these large Open International events.

To participate to the EuroCup Championship, each pilot must participate to at least three of the offered competitions.

The number of three competitions is set to keep pilot's traveling costs within the minimum affordable level and therefore maximize participation affluence to the Championship.

The Championship final ranking will be calculated based on the three best results achieved by each pilot in three different competitions where he/she achieved the best final normalized scores.

Due to the often very significant level of participation, the Basic Class may not be offered within an EuroCup Competition and therefore, the Basic Class will not be considered in the Championship Final Ranking compilation.

The Final Championship Ranking will be compiled for each of the following Flight Classes: Sportman, Intermediate, Advanced, Unlimited and Free Style.

Pilots will not be allowed to change Flight Class during the Championship.

In some cases, the EuroCup competition results may also contribute to the calculations of the local National IMAC Championship Final Ranking. This integration will be performed by combining the local pilots normalized EuroCup results with the results achieved in the other National Championship Competitions.

3. Competition Format

Each EuroCup competition is a standard IMAC competition and it complies with the IMAC Official Contest Standards:

https://www.imaceurope.com/files/ugd/013782_1ca4c7a9670e4c5e9c4d0a0692006f0d.pdf

Each EuroCup competition may take place during two to four days, based on the number of expected registered participants, and the availability of runways within the chosen airfield.

In some cases, the Basic Class may also be offered within the competition, but its results will not be considered for the compilation of the Final Championship Ranking.

The Organizer will declare the competition duration at least six months before the competition.

4. Competition Rules

All EuroCup competitions are standard IMAC competitions, implementing the official IMAC Rules valid for the year.

IMAC Precision Rules:

https://www.imaceurope.com/_files/ugd/013782_1d5f01ab6224454a8a973a174b5a47da.pdf

IMAC Free Style Rules:

https://www.imaceurope.com/_files/ugd/013782_28c75ca1203f4f98b569c02a6642c489.pdf

5. Organizers

Any IMAC Country Organization may decide to organize an EuroCup competition within its geographical territory.

Each IMAC Country may not organize more than one EuroCup competition per year.

Each organized EuroCup competition will be posted on the EuroCup yearly calendar and offered to all IMAC pilots of the world.

The organizer is responsible to perform the following activities:

- a. Provide the most appropriate location and facilities.
- b. Declare the number of runways available.
- c. Define the number of competition days offered.
- d. Define the competition plan, including previous practice days, reception and judges briefing.
- e. Upload the competition into the central IMAC website to receive the UnKnown programs on time.
- f. Define the competition registration fee.

- g. Manage the registration process through its local IMAC website.
- h. Collect all registration fees.
- i. Nominate the IMAC EuroCup Contest Director.
- j. Invite the appropriate amount of IMAC International Judges and provide the relative expenses compensation.
- k. Organize and manage the scoring system, Noutamatic or Manual.
- l. Share all results' data with the central IMAC Europe Organization At the end of the competition in the requested format.

6. Registration Fee

The average registration fee to participate to an EuroCup Open International competition is 100 euro.

However, the Organizer may decide to increase or to lower this average price considering the attractivity strategy of the competition and the available budget.

Each competition will be managed to allow the Organizer to end up with a positive, if small, economic balance, which will also take into consideration possible local sponsorships.

7. Championship Calendar

The Championship will take place from January 1st to December 31st of each year.

The official Championship Calendar will be published within the month of November of the previous year. Therefore, the Organizers will have to submit their proposal dates within the month of October of the previous year.

Each National Organizer will propose to the IMAC Europe Regional Director, RD, at least two alternative dates for the implementation of its EuroCup competition.

The RD will be responsible, each previous year, to arrange the final calendar avoiding overlaps and distributing the competitions to maximize positive weather conditions expectations and pilots' participation.

The formalization of the Calendar will also take in consideration other important and independent IMAC events' dates, such as the IMAC Worlds, the IMAC Europeans, or large European Free Style events.

8. Championship Final Ranking calculation

The Championship Final Ranking will be calculated taking in consideration the three best normalized results achieved by each pilot in the three competitions where he or she best performed. The lower results achieved in other competitions will be disregarded.

The three best normalized scores, rounded to a whole number, achieved by each pilot in three of the Championship's offered competitions, will be summed. This sum will determine the pilot's position in the Final Ranking.

If a pilot doesn't participate to a minimum of three EuroCup competitions during the year, he or she will not rank into the Championship Final Ranking. However, pilots participating to less than three Championship competitions are very welcome to participate and be eligible to win each of the competitions they participate in.

To be considered as valid results for Championship cumulative ranking calculation, each flight Class at each competition will have to be participated by at least three contestants. In case of lower participation levels, the winning pilot will be rewarded for winning the specific competition, but the relative normalized score will not be eligible to be cumulated into the pilot's Championship Final Ranking calculation.

The Championship Final Ranking will be published within one week after the end of the last competition in Calendar. This time will allow for careful calculation and the resolution of potential Parity Cases.

9. Parity Case rule

A Parity Case is the situation where two or more pilots achieve the same total score within the Final Championship Ranking.

To determine the winner in a Parity Case, the following rule is applied:

The normalized scores achieved by the pilot at each competition will receive one additional point for each contestant below the relative placement. In this way, more credits will be attributed to the winners of competitions where; to prevail, they had to defeat a larger number of contestants.

For example, if in a competition a pilot achieves first place in a class participated by 5 contestants, the pilot's normalized score will receive 4 additional points for a total of 1004 points.

In the example case below, Pilot A achieved 3,000 points by winning three of the EuroCup competitions in his Flight Class. However, he won defeating a lesser number of contestants than Pilot B, who also won three times. Therefore, Pilot B is declared winner of the Championship, while second place is assigned to Pilot A.

EuroCup Championship Total Points	Pilot A		Pilot B	
	EuroCup Points earned	Pilots defeated	EuroCup Points earned	Pilots defeated
	1003	3	1007	7
	1005	5	1004	4
	1004	4	1005	5
	3012		3016	

The same rule will apply to discriminate potential parity cases taking place at the level of second and third place in the Final Ranking.

If, after the application of the above Parity Rule, two pilots will continue to achieve the same total normalized score, both pilots will be celebrated as winners.

10.Step Up Rule

The winner of the EuroCup Championship of each Flight Class below Unlimited will have to Step Up to the next Flight Class level when registering into the next year Championship.

If registering to participate to the following year EuroCup Championship, the previous year winner of a certain Flight Class, below Unlimited, will have to step up to the next level class.

A pilot "Step Down" process will not be accepted and the relative registration cancelled.¹

The "Step Up" rule re-states the nature of IMAC as the global Scale Aerobatics School, whose mission, over the years, is to support the evolution of the largest number of pilots from the Basic to the Unlimited aerobatics complexity level.

11.EuroCup Championship Winners Celebration

The EuroCup Final Ranking is calculated after the end of the last EuroCup in calendar. Given the potential complexity of the calculation, this process may take up to one week. This activity is performed by the IMAC Europe central team.

Once finalized, the Final Ranking will be posted on IMACEurope.com and on the IMAC Europe social media.

The winner of each Flight Class will receive a Reward Celebration Cup, that will be delivered at his/her home.

The names of the winners will be posted on the EuroCup Champions Board that will be published on IMACEurope.com.