

International Mølky Organisation

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Nations Cup Booklet

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1. Introduction

This booklet is aimed at everyone interested in the Nations Cup.

The target of this document is to clarify the requirements and the organisation of the Nations Cup as it has been done over the past years.

Only the Nations Cup organised during the World Championship (MM) is official and recognised by IMO.

2. Countries Participating

Every country is allowed to participate in the Nations Cup.

For the definition of a country and to avoid any potential political problem, the official list of countries from the International Olympic Committee is used.

The list can be found here:

<https://www.olympic.org/national-olympic-committees>

3. Number of players

The number of players per team is 3 for the tournament.

A potential substitute can be added to the team, the substitute is allowed to be present at the game field. No substitution is allowed during a game, substitutions can occur only between games.

A potential coach (non-playing) can be added to the team.

4. Players Requirements

4.1. For IMO members

Each team member must be approved by the Representatives of the country.

If the Federation or Representative of a country are not allowing the team to play, there shall be no official team of that country represented.

The Federation or Representatives are responsible for selecting the team members.

All the team members must satisfy one of the following requirements:

- Have the nationality of the country they represent
- Be a resident of the country they represent for at least one full year.

4.2. For non-IMO members

Any non-IMO members are welcome to play in the Nations Cup.

The team members must make themselves known to the organisers (IMO in this case) at least a day before the tournament to help in the playing system.

All the team members must satisfy one of the following requirements:

- Have the nationality of the country they represent
- Be a resident of the country they represent for at least one full year.

4.3. Exception

An exception is made if the country is playing for the very first time in the Nations Cup (meaning the country does not appear in the Nations Ranking available on IMO Website):

Only two players out of three must meet the requirements in section 4.2 For non-IMO members.

The third player can be any other player in this case.

5. Organisation of the tournaments

The tournament is organised by IMO during the World Championships (MM).

IMO is responsible for selecting the playing system.

The tournament is happening in a time window left by the MM organiser (usually on Saturday evening).

The best teams as per the Nations Ranking will be protected for the first round, this is a seeded draw (usually the 4 best teams will be protected).

6. Prizes

Prizes may be distributed to the teams.

IMO is responsible for providing those prizes.

7. Nations Ranking

Nations are ranked depending on their performance of the previous years.

The ranking is used to protect the best nations for the following years as a seeding process.

The ranking (as well as the previous results) is available on IMO website:

<https://www.international-molkky.org/world-ch-nations-cups>

7.1. Nations Ranking Rules

The number of points per cup depends on the number of participants and the placement.

An example: there were 7 participants, so the first place receives 7 points, the second 6 points, etc.

The results of the last year are weighted by a factor of 4, those of the second-to-last year by a factor of 3, those of the third-to-last year by a factor of 2 and all others by a factor of one. Only the cups from 2010 onwards were included in the ranking.

8. Nations Cup during Continental Championships

IMO is not responsible for any Nations Cup organised during the Continental Championships.

In case of a Nations Cup being organised, the organiser of the championship is fully responsible for the playing system and prizes.

The Nations Cup organised during Continental Championships does not count for the Nations Ranking.

Even though IMO is not responsible for the Nations Cup in this case, the requirements of „4.1 For IMO members“ must apply.

9. Glossary

MM: World Championship (Stands for MaailmanMestaruus)

Shall: Refers to something compulsory

Should: Refers to something recommended but not compulsory

10. Revision history

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1.0	22-Jan-20	First public release