

# International Mölkky Organisation

# I.M.O.



## Tournament Organisation Booklet

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## 1. Introduction

This booklet is aimed at official and potential organisers of International Mlkky Tournaments attributed by IMO.

This is a guide provided by IMO in order to gather feedback from previous years in order to have the best Tournaments possible.

Please note the list is non exhaustive and the organiser can go beyond for the better experience of all the players.

The World and Continental Championships will be referred to as „Event“ further in this booklet.

## 2. Fees

For the good functioning of IMO, a fee applies to the organisers and is 6% of the participation fee from the team for World Championship organisers and 2.5€ per team for Continental Championship organisers.

## 3. Location

The location of the event is to be selected by the organiser.

The location shall be accessible by the players through public transport or other transportation methods that the organiser shall help with.

The location shall have parking within reasonable walking distance to the fields. In case of a major city or with widely available public transportation, the parking is not required.

The chosen location shall have enough fields for the event to take place.

## 4. Rulebook

Each organiser shall be aware of the IMO Rulebook.

It is possible to download the rulebook from the IMO Website and it should be made available to all participating teams (As a link in the email to the participants sent by the organiser).

## 5. Teams and Participants

For the MM, the Team is composed of 4 players + 2 potential substitutes.

For EM, the number of players shall be 2 or 3 depending on event + 1 potential substitute.

The number of teams for MM shall be unlimited.

The number of teams for continental tournaments (EM...) can be limited if required by the organiser.

Everyone is welcome to participate in the MM, there is no requirement to be an IMO member.

For continental championships, everyone is also welcome regardless of the nationality. A special prize/trophy should be dedicated to the best team of that continent (Best Asian Team for Asian championship for example) and the title shall be awarded to them.

## 6. Fields

The number of fields shall be enough for playing the event. A minimum of 16 different fields has been used in the past, but it is heavily recommended to have more fields in order to have a better playing system. In the last years a total of about 50 fields was provided to accommodate the growing number of players.

The dimensions of the fields shall be as per IMO rulebook.

Fields shall be numbered to be easily recognisable by players. It is also advised to number the thrower according to the field number.

It is advised to leave some space between fields to allow players walking through.

Outdoor grounds shall be of type clay or grits. Any other surface shall be approved prior to the event.

Indoor ground (In case of rubber or parquet) shall be covered by carpets to avoid rolling of skittles.

### 7. Playing System

The playing system shall be provided and organised by the organiser of the event.

The playing system will need to be provided to IMO before being released to the public for review in due time so that changes can be made if required. It shall be sent to IMO at least 2 weeks before being released to the public.

The playing system shall take into account all teams and provide multiple games for everyone. For this, a B-tournament is recommended for the teams eliminated in the first round.

The playing system shall be published publicly (facebook for example) prior to the event and available in English.

The playing system shall also be published on the fields during the event.

### 8. Schedule

In order for the schedule to be reasonable and the event to happen within a certain timeframe, the following shall be respected:

- 2 sets: 30min
- Best of 3: 45min
- Best of 5: 1h15min
- Best of 7: 1h45min
- Best of 9: 2h
- Finnish group with 3 teams: 1h
- Finnish group with 4 teams: 1h30min

Schedule does not require a lunch break if teams will have a break at a reasonable time for eating. Schedule shall be planned so that all games are played during day time and finished before sunset.

### 9. Referees

A main referee shall be clearly announced and responsible for any potential issues during the games. The main referee shall be available for the duration of the tournament.

Game referees are required for games, preferably one per field but it is possible to accommodate less as has been seen in the past.

Referees shall be educated with the rules prior to the tournament by the organiser.

Each referee shall be aware of the Referee Rulebook provided by IMO. (This rulebook is currently being finalised and will be made available by IMO in the near future.)

The referee shall announce the score before and after each throw in English.

### 10. Bar and Restaurant

A bar and restaurant facility shall be provided by the organiser according to the number of players.

The location of the bar shall be close to the fields to not lose time for transit of players.

Pricing shall be reasonable according to the country where this is played.

## 11. Toilets

Toilets shall be provided by the organiser.

The number of toilets shall be enough for all the players and the location of the toilets shall be within reasonable distance to the fields and bar/restaurant.

## 12. Sound system

A sound system with microphone shall be installed for public announcements and potentially music. The sound system shall be functioning on the fields, not too loud but still clear to not disturb the players.

The sound system shall be audible from the bar also as players are often there between games.

## 13. Language

As those events are international, the language of the event shall be English.

It is possible to have dual language with the local language but all announcements shall be done in English too.

The ceremony and announcements to teams (Especially foreign teams) shall be done in English.

## 14. Nations Cup

During World Championship, the Nations Cup is organised by IMO.

The organiser shall leave some time on Saturday after tournament to organise the Nations Cup.

A minimum of 2 hours before sunset is required.

Potentially a time for Final can be added during the Sunday lunch break for a better show with a lot of spectators.

Prizes for Nations Cup are arranged by IMO.

Only the Nations Cup organised during MM is official and counts for the Nations Ranking.

Team of IMO member countries shall be validated by the Federation of that country.

During Continental Championship, the organiser may organise a Nation Cup. The organiser is fully responsible for the teams playing and the prizes/rewards.

The Nations Cup during Continental Championship is not mandatory and is left to the decision of the organiser.

For countries that are a member of IMO, the team representing them in the Nation Cup during a continental Championship shall still be validated by the Federation of that country.

## 15. International Meeting

During the World Championship, an International meeting takes place on Friday evening.

The Organiser of the World Championship shall arrange a room with chairs at minimum (A table is preferred too) to organise the meeting.

The organiser shall also provide some soft drinks and snacks for people present.

## 16. Prizes

The prizes for the event are at the expense of the organiser.

The prizes shall represent a minimum percentage of the participation fee (2% of the total participation fee) and shall be for the 3 best teams of the tournaments at minimum.

In MM, the 8 best teams shall be rewarded.

## **17. Trophy**

The trophy for World Championship is a rotating trophy.

The winning team is responsible for bringing back home their own trophy.

The federation of the winning team is responsible for the cost and adding the nameplate of the winning team on the trophy before the following edition of the World Championship.

The federation of the winning team is responsible for the trophy to be brought back to the following edition (Either carried by hand by the federation, one of the members...) or by shipment.

If the team has no player member of any federation, IMO will cover the cost of the nameplate (Upon receipts and within a reasonable limit, to be agreed with IMO beforehand). The team will be responsible for delivering the trophy the following year.

## **18. Playing sets**

The organiser is responsible for contacting Tactic and arranging the sets directly with Tactic.

## **19. Accessibility**

The event shall be accessible to people with a disability.

## **20. Candidacy**

A detailed candidacy shall be sent to IMO at least one month prior to the IMO Meeting each year.

The application is for the following calendar year (Example, application in July 2020 is for a Championship in 2021).

The candidacy will be made public and shared among the community.

The candidacy shall include as much information as possible.

The voting will happen during the IMO Meeting.

If no candidate has expressed its willingness to organise the different championship, the period of candidacy may be extended.

The candidacy may be reviewed by IMO at the request of the organiser before being published.

## **21. Housing/Accommodation**

There shall be enough accommodation around the event (Within reasonable distance, less than an hour by car) for all the players.

Potential accommodation deals or suggestions can be provided by the organiser.

## **22. Insurance and Local laws**

The organiser is responsible for respecting the laws in its country.

The organiser is responsible for the insurance of the event.

First aid shall be present on site during the duration of the event.

## 23. Flags

The organiser is responsible for displaying the flags of all the countries participating in the tournament.

## 24. Video and Public

A dedicated area for the public to see the semi-finals and finals is recommended to improve the atmosphere.

A live streaming or a video to show the main games is also recommended to share with everyone not present at the event (especially for final).

## 25. After the event

The organiser is responsible for publishing the results online.

The organiser is responsible to declare the total number of teams that participated in the event.

The organiser is responsible to send photos and official results to IMO.

## 26. Glossary

MM: World Championship (Stands for MaailmanMestaruus)

Shall: Refers to something compulsory

Should: Refers to something recommended but not compulsory

## 27. Revision history

Revision Number	Date	Comment
1.0	30-Nov-19	First public release