



Technical Manual Teqball



Welcome

The 3rd European Games Krakow-Małopolska 2023 will welcome more than 7,000 athletes, 3,000 supporting Team Officials and about 1,200 Technical Officials from across Europe to participate in elite-level sport competition.

We aim to provide all participants with optimal conditions so that they are able to perform at their best.

This Technical Manual will help with preparations and Games-time operations as it provides key information including the relevant competition rules and format, medal events, competition schedule and key dates.

The Technical Manual also includes details of the relevant venue, medical, anti-doping, training and competition related services, as well as the key policies and procedures that will be in place during the Games.

We hope that this Manual helps with your planning in the weeks remaining before the European Games 2023. Hard copies of this Technical Manual will be provided upon arrival in Poland. We look forward to welcoming you to European Games Krakow-Małopolska 2023 for 12 days of competition that puts sport first and sets a tradition for the European Games.

1. General Information

Teqball Competition at the 3rd European Games 2023 will be held from 28 June 2023 to 1 July 2023 at the Main Square in Krakow.

A maximum of 72 Athletes, 36 men, and 36 women can take part in the Teqball Competition. The host National Olympic Committee (NOC), Poland, will receive four quota places (two women and two men), there will be eight universality places (four women and four men), and the remaining 60 athletes (30 women and 30 men) will secure their spot through FITEQ's qualification pathway.

The sport is making its debut at Europe's premier multi-sport event, organised by the European Olympic Committees (EOC), with men's and women's singles and doubles, and mixed doubles set to feature.

1.1. Key Dates

Date	Event
2 June 2023	Sports Entries Submission Deadline
18 June 2023	Athletes' Village Official Opening
21 June 2023	EG2023 Opening Ceremony
25-26 June 2023	Arrival Day
27 June 2023	Start of official training
27 June 2023	Technical Meeting and official draw
28 June 2023	Start of the Competition
1 July 2023	End of the Competition
2 July 2023	EG2023 Closing Ceremony
2-3 July 2023	Departure Day
4 July 2023	Athletes' Village Official Closing

1.2. Competition Manager

Position	Name
Teqball Competition Manager	Tomasz Zabielski
Teqball Venue Manager	Krisztián Horváth

1.3. International Teqball Federation (FITEQ)

Position	Name	NOC Code
President	Gábor Borsányi	HUN
Secretary General	László Vajda	HUN
Technical Delegate	Bence Szalontai	HUN
Technical Delegate	Gábor Felegyi	HUN

1.4. Medal Events


Men's Events (2)	Women's Events (2)	Mixed Events (1)
Singles	Singles	Doubles
Doubles	Doubles	

1.5. Competition Format

1.5.1. Singles Events (Men's and Women's)

The group stage followed by a knockout phase ending with Gold and Bronze Medal Matches.

- Group Stage
- Quarter-Finals
- Semi-Finals

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- Bronze Medal Match
 - Gold Medal Match

1.5.2. Doubles Events (Men's and Women's)

The group stage followed by a knockout phase ending with Gold and Bronze Medal Matches.

- Group Stage
- Quarter-Finals
- Semi-Finals
- Bronze Medal Match
- Gold Medal Match

1.5.3. Mixed Events

Group stage followed by a knockout phase ending with Gold and Bronze Medal Matches.

- Group Stage
- Quarter-Finals
- Semi-Finals
- Bronze Medal Match
- Gold Medal Match

1.5.4. Competition Draw

The competition draw will take place after the Sports Entries Submission Deadline (June 2) - and before the European Games 2023 Opening Ceremony (June 21). The exact date and place of the draw will be presented to all competitors in individual announcements.



1.6. Competition Rules

The Teqball Competition will be held in accordance with the editions of the following documents that are forced at the time of the Games:

[Rules and Regulations of Teqball](https://www.fiteq.org) which can be found at www.fiteq.org

Appeals and Protests

Protests and Appeals will be considered according to official FITEQ Rules.

1.6.1. Scoring

- Each set is played until one side reaches 12 points, except for the final set.
- Each match is played until a best-of-three-set.
- The final, decisive set must be won by at least a two-point margin; all other sets can be won by scoring 12 points first.

1.6.2. QUALIFICATION RULES

In case of the same results between the teams the following guidelines and rules shall be applied to decide which team finishes higher:

- Direct result (in case of 2 teams);
- Results against each other with better set difference (in case of 3 or more teams);
- Results against each other with better point difference (in case of 3 or more teams);
- Results against the other teams of the group (sets, points);
- In case every result is the same, a coin toss will be made, and the winner finishes higher.

Lucky losers (best 2nd placed teams):

- Lucky losers are selected from the players, teams finished on second position in the groups.
- They are selected based on performance, and not by random draw.

To determine the best 2nd places, we check the following principles:

1. Most match points
2. Better set difference
3. Most sets won
4. Better point difference
5. Most points won
6. Strength of groups as per the World Ranking of the teams

1.7. Clothing and equipment

Competition Uniforms

Subject to compliance with applicable IF/EF rules and the decision as to what clothing their athletes should wear for competitions during the Krakow & Małopolska 2023 European Games is left to the discretion of the participating NOCs. No other restrictions exist.

The aim of the above provision is to allow teams to use competition clothing that is already available (e.g., world cup uniforms), both for the sake of sustainability and the cost.

Out of Competition Clothing

Subject to compliance with the applicable EOC rules and regulations, NOCs have the sole and exclusive authority to prescribe the out of competition clothing worn by the members of their delegation. Two (2) manufacturer's identifications and one (1) NOC sponsor logo of no more than 30 cm² each can be displayed on each piece of out of competition clothing.



No alcohol or tobacco product producers' logos, no betting companies' logos will be allowed.

No sponsors' logos can be displayed on the uniforms worn by the members of the delegations during Opening and Closing Ceremonies, as well as during Medal Ceremonies.

1.8. Doping Control

During the EG2023, an extensive Anti-Doping Control Program will be implemented. In total, 1,200 urine and blood samples are going to be collected, which means that statistically around 17% of Athletes present at the Games will be subjected to doping control. Tests will be carried out in competition and out of competition. The Anti-Doping Program will be managed under the auspices of the International Testing Agency (ITA). Analyses of samples collected during the Games will be carried out in a laboratory accredited by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA). In order to ensure high quality, the work of anti-doping controllers will be evaluated by an international team of independent observers appointed by the World Anti-Doping Agency.

If any Athlete is chosen for Doping Control, he/she will be escorted through the Broadcast Mixed Zone by a Doping Control Officer or Doping Control Chaperone and will then be chaperoned to the Doping Control Station.

EOC Anti-Doping Rules are applicable to all athletes competing at the EG2023. All NOCs, Athletes, Athlete Support Personnel, and Medical Personnel should be familiar with the EOC Anti-Doping Rules as they cover the applicable procedures for Therapeutic Use Exemptions (TUEs) and athlete whereabouts.

The EOC Anti-Doping Rules are available at:

<https://www.eurolympic.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/2021-EOC-Anti-Doping-Rules.pdf>



Doping control rules and program

During the EG2023, the amended version of the World Anti-Doping Code, which entered into force on 1 January 2021, and relevant international standards apply. The organiser of the event does not introduce any modifications in this regard.


1.9. Sports Information

Sports Information Center (SIC) is located in the Athletes' Village and will provide a variety of services to NOCs as follows:

- the dissemination of General Sports Information;
- the distribution of start lists, draw lists, and results;
- Training Schedule Information for open and pre-allocated training;
- sign up for bookable Training Sessions;
- sport-specific requirements (e.g., forms submitted for several sports in relation to uniform checks or music submission);
- assistance regarding authorised identifications;
- application for training access passes (TAP);
- schedules of shuttle-bus transfer.

The operating hours are as follows:

Period	Operation Hours
Pre-Opening: from 15 to 17 June 2023	06:00 – 22:00
Official Opening Period: from 18 June to 2 July 2023	06:00 – 22:00



Sports Information Desk (SID) will be available at each Competition Venue while the venue is open and will provide a variety of services to NOCs as follows:

- the dissemination of General Sports Information;
- the distribution of Start Lists, draw lists, and results;
- Training Schedule information for open and pre-allocated training;
- sign up for bookable training sessions;
- sport-specific requirements (e.g., forms submitted for several sports in relation to uniform checks or music submission, registration of filming devices);
- Lost and Found (at Competition Venues only)

1.10. Competition Schedule

During the Games, there may be delays, postponements, or cancellations of the Competition. Should this occur, NOCs will be informed of the revised competition schedule through SIC in AVL and SID at the Competition Venue.

Changes will also appear on the Games-time website.

2. Competition Venue Information

2.1 Key Information

Venue	Main Square in Krakow
Distance from the Athlete's village	3,5 km (~10 minutes)
Venue Capacity	842 seats
Venue Address	Main Square, 31-422 Krakow

2.2. Venue access

During the event, competitors depending on their discipline will be provided with shuttle buses or dedicated cars. The K&MEGOC will provide a regular shuttle service between Athletes' Villages, Main Accreditation Centre, Media and Volunteers Centre, Competition Venues / Training Venues, Official Hotels, airports, and train stations as well. The shuttle service will run every 30-45 minutes and during rush hours every 15-20 minutes. The shuttle service will start operating two days before the first game starts and will end one day after the last game ends at each Sports Venue. On an operating day the shuttle service will start running two hours before the first activities at the venue (K&MEGOC will provide an individual transfer service for earlier hours if requested) and the last shuttle vehicle will leave 90 minutes after the last game.

K&MEGOC will provide a shuttle service between Kraków and other locations 2-3 times a day, except the route Krakow – Tarnow, where the vehicles will operate more often.

2.3. Field of Play (FoP)

The FoP for Teqball will include four (4) tables. The main table will be contained within a court area of 18 m x 18 m.



2.4. Venue Services and Facilities

2.4.1. Athletes' Changing Rooms

Changing Rooms, one (1) for women and one (1) for men, are available at the Venue and include showers, toilets, and changing areas.

2.4.2. Athletes' Refreshments Area

Access to snacks and beverages will be provided to Athletes in the Athletes' Refreshments Areas at the Competition Venues. Snacks and beverages at the Sports Venues will be available on both Competition Days and Official Training Days. All snack stations will be designed for self-service, but the catering staff will be responsible for replenishing them.

Snacks will be available at official sports facilities:

- On Competition Days: 1 hour before the first run of the day to 30 mins after the end of the last game
- On official Training Days: 30 mins before the start of the first training session up to 30 mins after the end of the last training session of the day.

The following refreshments will generally be provided for Athletes and Team Officials at Competition Venues and Athletes' Lounges:

- Still water in 0.5l bottles at room temperature and chilled;
- Hot beverages-coffee and tea;
- Whole fruits -primarily bananas, but also apples, pears, and oranges;
- 100% apple and orange juice;
- Fruit and natural yogurts, also a vegan option;
- Granola bars;
- Isotonic drinks in bottles of 0.5l or 0.75l.

2.4.3. Broadcast Mixed zone and I-Zone

All Competition Venues will include the Mixed Zone split between the Rights Holding TV Channels (Flash Zone), radio reporters, news agencies, press, and Games News Service. There will be also Interview Zone provided for all the non-right-holding TV and radio crews.

2.4.4. Doping Control Station

At each Competition Venue, there will be an anti-doping control station, which meets the criteria established by ITA and WADA. Doping control stations consist of waiting rooms, processing rooms, and toilets where the samples will be collected. The station's premises should be clean and provide comfort and privacy to the Athletes and Doping Control Personnel. At doping control stations, competitors will have access to sealed drinks in the form of bottled still water.

2.4.5. Lost and Found

All reports of lost items at the Venue should be directed to SID. This is also the location where all found, at the Athletes Area or Field of Play items should be delivered. Items will be kept at the Venue until the end of the competition, at which point they will be transferred to SIC in AVL.

2.4.6. Medical Services

Medical services will be provided at Competition Venues, Training Sites, and Non-Competition Venues.

The following medical services will be provided at the Venue:

- Ambulances with a doctor or paramedic equipped with Advance Life Support Equipment;
- Pedestrian Parts with a Paramedic, Basic Life Support Equipment;
- Medical Aid Points with a doctor or system nurse or paramedic, and Advance Life Support Equipment.

3.1. Competition Procedures

NOC Filming Policy

NOC filming is permitted in the Athletes' Stands for the Team Leaders and Athletes who have access to this area. The Team Leaders and Athletes may film the Athlete's performance by using non-professional cameras (including tablets) only. Extra attention should be paid to the height and position of tripods to ensure the viewing of spectators and broadcasting cameras.

The Team Leaders and Athletes are requested to follow instructions from EG2023 Staff and Home Broadcasters when required.

The Teams may also film the training sessions by using non-professional cameras from the Athletes Stands.

Warm-Up

The Warm-Up area will be located at the training site in pitches located nearby out of the Main Square.

The Warm-Up area will be available for the Athletes before they are called to compete.

Call Room Procedures

The Call Room will be located in a tent out of the Main Square.

Athletes should be present in the Call Room, where the following procedures will take place:


Balls selection;

- Clothing checks;
- Line-up to march onto the FoP

3.2. Post-Competition Procedures

Doping Control

Athletes selected for doping control will be notified in person and escorted to the Doping Control Station by a Doping Control Chaperone as soon as possible after the athlete has finished competing. It is the responsibility of the Athlete to remain



under continuous observation of the Doping Control Chaperone after notification. The notified Athlete may invite a team representative or team doctor to the Doping Control Station along with them.

During doping control, competitors will be instructed by the doping control officer about the procedure and rights and obligations related to the control. All tests should be carried out without advanced notice, the athlete should be the first person to be informed about the selection for doping control. During doping control, athletes should report what medicines they have used in the last 7 days and should submit their comments on the testing process.

Broadcast Mixed Zone and Flash-Zone


All the Athletes must exit FoP via the Mixed Zone.

After the competition or Medal Ceremony, all the Athletes will be guided through the Mixed Zone as they leave FoP, but they are not obliged to speak. Volunteers will take care of the interview time in each section of the Mixed Zone. Team Coaches who are normally positioned on FoP may also be asked to pass through the Mixed Zone for interview possibilities.

After passing through the Mixed Zone, Athletes will be free to return to the Changing Room or go to Medical/Doping procedures unless they are requested for interviews in the Interview Zone (outside the Mixed Zone) or press conference.

Journalists wanting to interview someone will make a request to Press Operations Volunteers who will escort the athlete. By default, all three medalists and all Polish Athletes will be accompanied by volunteers for interviews. Press Attaches, DCOs, and LANS Team members will be able to escort Athletes into the Mixed Zone if needed. Once in the Mixed Zone, the Athlete will be interviewed by the member of the press who requested the interview.

There will be a time limit for the interviews that will be clearly explained by the volunteer before the start of the interview. The volunteer has the right to interrupt the interview if it significantly exceeds the time. There will be no guarantee that it would be exclusive, meaning one (1) or two (2) journalists might want to interview the same Athlete.



The Mixed Zone will be managed by Press Operations Volunteers to help facilitate introductions or questions and ensure the Interview Zone remains an informal area and that no media 'scrum' is created.

All the medalists will be asked to attend a short press conference after the Medal Ceremony and pass through the Mixed Zone. Volunteers or Press Operations representatives will make their way to the official transport which will take them to City or Main Press Centre. After the press conference, athletes will not come back to the FoP.

Result Distribution

Competition-related information for all sports, including results reports, will be available on the Games-time website: www.european-games.org

Delivery of printed results information is available only at Competition Venues and to time-critical services. Selected reports will be available for collection from SID at the Venue and SIC in AVL.

After the completion of all competitions, all results will be compiled in PDF files and will be available for downloading from the www.european-games.org website.

Medal Ceremonies


All Medal Ceremonies at the 3rd European Games Krakow-Malopolska 2023 will occur on or next to FoP. Before each Medal Ceremony, all the medalists are gathered in the waiting area accompanied by volunteers (people responsible for each kind of sport assigned by Competition Managers).

Medal Ceremony Staff will be on hand to advise and guide all Athletes before, during, and after their Medal Ceremony.

As a rule, Medal Ceremony is held right after the sports session is finished.

All announcements for the Medal Ceremony will be made in two languages – English and Polish.

It is not allowed to ascend the podium wearing hats, sunglasses, carrying national flags, or any other symbols or memorabilia apart from the Games' mascots. Signs,



mobile phones, cameras, electronic devices, bottles, items of sports equipment, and items with political statements are prohibited on the podium. If any Athlete is in possession of any of these items, they must be handed to the Medal Ceremonies Manager for the duration of the Ceremony. During the Ceremony, no commercial, political, religious, or racial propaganda or demonstration is permitted. Any action of this kind entails penalties foreseen by the EOC.

No one, but the winners can be awarded medals or allowed to ascend the podium. Athletes will be required to wear their official NOC official uniform throughout the Medal Ceremony.

It is the responsibility of each Athlete/Coach to ensure that the Athlete has their full tracksuit with them and that it is ready to be worn at the Venue in time for the start of the Medal Ceremony.

Failure to adhere to this rule may result in the delay or postponement of the Medal Ceremony.

During the Medal Ceremony, in addition to the medals, K&MEGOC plans to present the winning Athletes with official mascots of the 3rd European Games Krakow - Malopolska 2023.


Athletes ranked:

- first,
- second,
- and third

respectively (as well as those sharing the places, if it is outlined by the competition rules) take their places behind the podium.

The rewarding the prize-winners goes as follows:

- The ceremony begins with the medal(-s) and the mascot(-s) awarded to the Athlete (team) ranked third.
- The national anthem of the gold medalist is played, the national flags of the prize-winners will appear electronically on the led display. While the anthem



is played over, the medalists remain on the podium **facing the led display with the electronic Flags view.**

- Diplomas for the Athletes ranked from 1st to 3rd will be distributed in the AVL NOC Services Centre.

4. Training Information

4.1. Key Information

Training Site for Teqball will take place in pitches nearby Main Square.

The Venue will be open for training from 27 June to 1 July 2023.

Athletes can use 5 of 6 tables for training purposes.

4.2. Training Information and Regulation

Each Training Session is open and does not need to be pre-booked. The Training Site will have controlled access for accredited Team Members only, public access will not be allowed. The equipment on the Training Site will meet the FITEQ requirements.

Limited Medical Services will be available at training sites, with enhanced services for the sports requiring specialised care. The Training Schedule will be provided at SID and during the Team Leaders' Meeting.


The Training Site will have controlled access for accredited Team Members only, public access will not be allowed.

Training Access:

Training Access NOC accreditation categories Aa, Ao, ATO will have access to the Training Sites for their assigned sports, in line with venue access distribution. Limited numbers of Training Access Passes (TAP) will be available.

Process of applying TAP:

- **Step 1:** NOC applies for a TAP through the K&MEGOC's Guest Pass System.

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- **Step 2:** on arrival guest/visitor presents at the Venue an EGIAC and/or official document valid for the TAP process (e.g., passport or official travel document for foreigners, etc.), if not accredited, to establish identity.
 - **Step 3:** K&MEGOC distributes TAP to guest/visitor
 - **Step 4:** Guest/visitor is not required to return the TAP to the Venue when leaving the Venue.

The Training Schedule is uploaded on fiteq.org.

4.3. Venue Facilities

Changing rooms

4 changing rooms in total (2-2 for the athletes and referees)

Medical Services

Medical room, physiotherapist, doctor

Appendix.3. Venue Maps





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