

TEQBALL
WORLD SERIES
BUDAPEST



EVENT GUIDE

PLAYERS: 107
NATIONS: 20
WORLD RANKING
CATEGORY: III



TEQBALL





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WELCOME MESSAGE

Welcome to Budapest! On behalf of the International Teqball Federation (FITEQ), we extend our warmest greetings as you gather in Budapest for the highly anticipated Teqball World Series event.

We are thrilled to witness the global Teqball community come together for what promises to be an exceptional showcase of talent and sportsmanship. We express our sincere gratitude to each and every member of the Teqball family for your dedication and hard work leading up to this momentous occasion.



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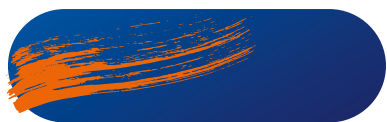
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AGENDA



I. ORGANISER AND KEY CONTACTS

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II. COMPETITION INFORMATION

EVENTS

- Men's Doubles
- Women's Doubles
- Mixed Doubles

COMPETITION DATE

- 03-06 October 2024

COMPETITION VENUE

- Sterbinszky Amália Kézilabdacsarnok
1139 Budapest, Fáy u. 58, Hungary

OFFICIAL DRAW

- 1st of October 2024, 16:00 (CET)

SCHEDULE

02 OCTOBER (DAY 0)

13:00-16:20 ACCREDITATION + TRAINING SESSION

03 OCTOBER (DAY 1)

10:00 - 20:40 Mixed doubles group stage + knockout stage

04 OCTOBER (DAY 2)

10:00 - 20:40 Men's doubles group stage + knockout stage

05 OCTOBER (DAY 3)

08:30-13:20 Women's doubles group stage + knockout stage

06 OCTOBER (DAY 4)

17:00-19:15 FINALS (WD, MD, XD)

TOURNAMENT SYSTEM

The tournament will consist of a group stage and a knockout stage in all categories.

GROUP STAGE

- Best of 3 set games - the first team to reach 12 points, only the decisive set must be won by 2 clear points difference.

KNOCK-OUT STAGE

- Best of 3 sets games, only the decisive set must be won by 2 clear points difference.
- The semifinal losers automatically receive bronze medals, thus there will be no bronze match at the event.
- Final will be played by the winners of the semi-finals.

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.

ADDITIONAL RULES

- Warm up time before the game: 1 MINUTE.
- Time out: ONCE every game. The teams/players do not change side after timeout but remain on their own half as before the Time-out.
- Break between the sets: 1 MINUTE. By entering the event, players agree to abide by The Official Rules and Regulation of Teqball (can be found at www.fiteq.org).

WORLD RANKING

- World Ranking points will be awarded as per Event Category III with the bonus points system implemented as per the FITEQ World Ranking Policy.

COMPETITION FORMAT

WOMEN'S DOUBLES:

16 teams have the opportunity to register for the Women's Doubles category, with 2 wild cards available. According to the current (October 2024) World Ranking, teams will be drawn into 4 groups of 4. The top 2 teams from each group will advance to the knockout stage (QF).

MEN'S DOUBLES:

32 teams have the opportunity to register for the Men's Doubles category, with 4 wild cards available. According to the current (October 2024) World Ranking, teams will be drawn into 8 groups of 4. The top 2 teams from each group will advance to the knockout stage (KO16).

MIXED DOUBLES:

32 teams have the opportunity to register for the Mixed Doubles category, with 4 wild cards available. According to the current (October 2024) World Ranking, teams will be drawn into 8 groups of 4. The top 2 teams from each group will advance to the knockout stage (KO16).

PARTICIPATING NATIONS

AUT, BUL, CAN, CZE, DEN, ESP, FRA, GER, HUN, IRQ, ITA, KUW, MDA, MNE, POL, POR, ROU, SRB, SVK, USA

ACCREDITATION

Athletes and delegations will receive an official accreditation pass to the Teqball World Series - Budapest 2024 venues, and competition areas. Players can request an accreditation pass only within the designated accreditation periods. The accreditation must be worn at all times and the holder of the accreditation can be asked to prove their identity during the competition at any time. Every athlete must present a valid ID card/passport and must submit the jersey/shorts as well for approval to the competition@fiteq.org no later than 2 weeks before the competition starting time.

Please be aware that without an accreditation pass, participation in the event will not be possible. Players can obtain their accreditation passes during the designated accreditation period. In the event of losing your accreditation pass, you may request a replacement from the competition manager for a fee of 100 USD. However, if you lose your second pass, you will no longer be eligible to compete in the event.

Accreditation Periods:

2nd of October
13:00-16:00

3rd of October
09:00-17:00

4th of October
09:00-17:00

PRACTICE OPPORTUNITIES - WARM UP AREA

Practice opportunities at the competition venue will be provided between **13:00** and **16:20** on the 2nd of October.

PRIZE MONEY

RANKING	MEN'S DOUBLES	WOMEN'S DOUBLES	MIXED DOUBLES
GOLD	3000	3000	3000
SILVER	2200	2200	2200
BRONZE	1200	1200	1200
5-8	600	600	600

Best Male Player of the Event: 150 USD

Best Female Player of the Event: 150 USD

Uniforms and accessories

All players and teams must provide their own sports clothing.

All players and teams must have a minimum of two (2) sets of shirts/jerseys, each of a different shade. Non-compliance, failure to bring both jerseys, may result in fines ranging from 100 to 500 USD imposed by FITEQ. Prior to each game, teams shall agree on their uniform. 'Home' team chooses first which jersey to wear.

If no agreement is reached there will be a coin toss by the referee, after which the winning team shall choose their preferred colour. Team members must wear matching playing uniforms i.e. both players must wear the same type and colour shorts and jerseys as one another.

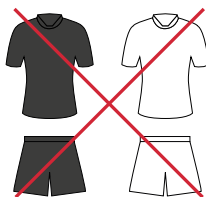
Headbands, sweatbands and religious headwear are permitted. Sunglasses and hats not permitted.

Teams on the field may not display sponsors that feature logos from other sports or conflict with FITEQ's interests, as well as tobacco and alcohol products. All uniforms must be in line with the Equipment Regulations. Failure to comply may result in a fine of 100-500 USD or disqualification by the competition manager.



BROADCAST APPEARANCE:

Wearing completely black or completely white jerseys is not allowed during the Broadcasted Finals. If the finalists cannot provide the appropriate jerseys, they may face a fine and could potentially be replaced by the semi-final loser, depending on which side of the bracket the bronze medalist came from. If you are unsure about your jersey, please send it to competition@fiteq.org for final approval.



WARNING SYSTEM

During the competition, referees will use cards to demonstrate disciplinary actions, to ensure visibility and understanding of the procedures. Disciplinary actions remain the same according to the rulebook:

- Unsporting conduct occurs when a player makes any inappropriate verbal remark or non-verbal gesture to the opponent players, team officials, referees, spectators or any other stakeholders who are part of the match/ tournament.
- If the Main Referee considers the player's conduct to be unsporting, they may sanction the player according to the following three steps:
- Verbal warning – for unsporting behaviour, the Main Referee must issue a verbal warning to the offending player or team official, without awarding a point, unless the opposing player/team is clearly going to win the point. If the opposing player/ team wins the point after unsporting conduct, the point must be awarded, and a verbal warning must be issued afterwards. The Main Referee may use their own words to explain the type of unsporting behaviour and then must warn the player that for the next similar action, a point will be awarded to the opponent player/ team. – WARNING CARD
- Where an unsporting behaviour takes place for a second time by the player/ team or team official, the Main Referee must award a point to the opponent player/ team and call out: "Second warning! Point to the opponent!" This step may be used several times if a player continues with unsporting behaviour. – POINT TO THE OPPONENT CARD
- Dismissal – in the case of an extreme offence or continuous unsporting behaviour, the Main Referee may dismiss a player by reporting them to the Competition Manager and/or the Chief Referee. The dismissal must be made by either the Competition Manager or the Chief Referee. After the dismissal, the opposing player/ team wins the match, but all previously earned points by the dismissed player remain valid.
- A warning or penalty incurred by any member of a team shall apply to the whole team.



III. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

CATERING

Water will be available during the competition.

MEDICAL ROOM

FITEQ will provide a medical team and a physiotherapist available free of charge at the competition venue during competition hours.

ATHLETE INSURANCE

Players participate at their own risk. It is highly advised to obtain competition-based insurance, as FITEQ will not be liable for any medical expenses.

PLAYER BIO

It is mandatory for players who have emerged victorious in the semi-finals to promptly attend the shooting session, bringing both the home and away jerseys with them. Failure to appear on time or neglecting to bring both jersey may result in FITEQ exercising its right to impose a fine ranging between 100 and 500 USD on the player and their respective Federation. Additionally, FITEQ retains the right to disqualify the player for non-adherence to these requirements.

Participation in player bio shooting is mandatory. It is essential for participants to arrive on time for video shooting. FITEQ retains the authority to impose penalties, including fines of up to 500 USD or potential disqualification, in the event of non-compliance with the attendance requirement.

FLOORING

Black Plastic Sport Floor.

GAME ZONE AREA POLICY

1. General Entry and Usage

1.1 Athletes, coaches, and team officials are permitted to enter the Game Zone Area 10 minutes before their scheduled match. Prior to that, they may utilize the designated warm-up area.

1.2 Main and Assistant Referees, as well as Chief Referees, are also allowed to enter the Game Zone only 10 minutes before the game they are officiating.

2. Post-Match Protocol

2.1 Upon completion of their match, players must promptly exit the Field of Play (FOP) and the Game Zone. The designated route for exiting is through the Mixed Zone.

2.2 In the Mixed Zone, photographers, videographers, press, and social media teams are allowed to request interviews with players. Players are obligated to respond to inquiries from these authorized personnel.

3. Game Zone Access Limits

3.1 Only one coach and two team officials per team are permitted in the Game Zone during matches.

3.2 The FITEQ Social Media Team as well as accredited press with extra signage are only allowed in the Game Zone during the event.

3.3 FITEQ STAFF are always allowed to use the Game Zone Area.

4. Exceptional Access

4.1 During matches, the Press Officer, Chief Referees, and Competition Managers have the

authority to consider requests for access to the Game Zone by athletes or press. Such requests will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis with due consideration for the overall event regulations.

5. Compliance and Enforcement

5.1 Athletes, coaches, team officials, referees, and staff are expected to adhere to the Game Zone Area Policy at all times.

5.2 Failure to comply with the policy may result in penalties, including fines or disqualification, as determined by the event organizers.

5.3 The Press Officer, Chief Referees, and Competition Managers will actively enforce the policy during the Teqball World Series 2024 Budapest.

6. Amendments to the Policy

6.1 The Teqball World Series 2024 Budapest organizers reserve the right to amend or update the Game Zone Area Policy as needed. Any changes will be communicated to all relevant parties in a timely manner.

This policy is designed to ensure the smooth operation of the Game Zone Area during the Teqball World Series and to provide a structured environment for athletes, coaches, and media personnel. All participants are expected to respect and adhere to these guidelines for the successful execution of the event.

FITEQ CHALLENGE PROTOCOL

Principles

1. Video Referees have independent access to match footage. Players may request assistance from the Video Referees only in relation to the categories listed below. In all these situations players/teams should request a “Challenge” by showing the ‘TV signal’ and communicating “Challenge + one of the below-mentioned decisions:

Illegal attack	Too many touches
Illegal return	Table Touch
Edgeball Out*	
Repeated Return Net**	
Double Touch	

Out* - when the ball bounced on the floor before players touching it and more than 1 bounce on the table

Net** - during services if the ball touches the net and for net + 3 bounces.

2. Players/teams may request a “Challenge” ONCE PER THE ENTIRE MATCH, if the challenge is successful, their “Challenge” opportunity remains available. If the challenge is unsuccessful, they have no further opportunity to request a challenge.
3. Players may only request a “Challenge” within 5 seconds after the referee’s decision.
4. Video assistant referees (VAR) will only ‘check’ the decision challenged by the players.
5. If the referee interrupts the rally by an incorrect call according to the VAR ‘check’, the rally must be repeated.
6. The referee must always make a decision, i.e. the referee is not permitted to give ‘no decision’ and then use the VAR to make the decision

7. The original decision given by the referee will not be changed unless the video review clearly shows that the decision was a 'clear and obvious error'.
8. If there is no video footage about the challenged decision, then the decision made on the field stands, and players' opportunity for a challenge remains available.
9. There is no time limit for the review process as accuracy is more important than speed.
10. The players and team officials must not surround the referee or attempt to influence if a decision is reviewed, the review process, or the final decision.
11. The referee must remain 'visible' during the review process to ensure transparency..

OFFICIAL SCHEDULE

<i>World Series - Budapest 2024</i>					
<i>Day 1 - Indoor - 03 October - World Series - Budapest 2024</i>					
Start	End	<i>Table 1</i>	<i>Table 2</i>	<i>Table 3</i>	<i>Table 4</i>
10:00	10:30	Mixed Doubles Qual	Mixed Doubles Qual	Mixed Doubles Qual	Mixed Doubles Qual
10:30	11:00	Mixed Doubles Qual	Mixed Doubles Qual	Mixed Doubles Qual	Mixed Doubles Qual
11:00	11:30	Mixed Doubles Qual	Mixed Doubles Qual	Mixed Doubles Qual	Mixed Doubles Qual
11:30	12:00	Mixed Doubles Qual	Mixed Doubles Qual	Mixed Doubles Qual	Mixed Doubles Qual
12:00	12:20	BUFFER BREAK			
12:20	12:50	Mixed Doubles Qual	Mixed Doubles Qual	Mixed Doubles Qual	Mixed Doubles Qual
12:50	13:20	Mixed Doubles Qual	Mixed Doubles Qual	Mixed Doubles Qual	Mixed Doubles Qual
13:20	13:50	Mixed Doubles Qual	Mixed Doubles Qual	Mixed Doubles Qual	Mixed Doubles Qual
13:50	14:20	Mixed Doubles Qual	Mixed Doubles Qual	Mixed Doubles Qual	Mixed Doubles Qual
14:20	15:30	LUNCH BREAK			
15:30	16:00	Mixed Doubles Qual	Mixed Doubles Qual	Mixed Doubles Qual	Mixed Doubles Qual
16:00	16:30	Mixed Doubles Qual	Mixed Doubles Qual	Mixed Doubles Qual	Mixed Doubles Qual
16:30	17:00	Mixed Doubles Qual	Mixed Doubles Qual	Mixed Doubles Qual	Mixed Doubles Qual
17:00	17:30	Mixed Doubles Qual	Mixed Doubles Qual	Mixed Doubles Qual	Mixed Doubles Qual
17:30	18:00	BREAK + MIXED DOUBLES KO DRAW			
18:00	18:40	Mixed Doubles KO16	Mixed Doubles KO16	Mixed Doubles KO16	Mixed Doubles KO16
18:40	19:20	Mixed Doubles KO16	Mixed Doubles KO16	Mixed Doubles KO16	Mixed Doubles KO16
19:20	20:00	Mixed Doubles QF	Mixed Doubles QF	Mixed Doubles QF	Mixed Doubles QF
20:00	20:40	Mixed Doubles SF	Mixed Doubles SF		
20:40		END OF DAY 1			

Day 2 - Indoor - 04 October - World Series - Budapest 2024

Start	End	Table 1	Table 2	Table 2	Table 3
10:00	10:30	Men's Doubles Qual	Men's Doubles Qual	Men's Doubles Qual	Men's Doubles Qual
10:30	11:00	Men's Doubles Qual	Men's Doubles Qual	Men's Doubles Qual	Men's Doubles Qual
11:00	11:30	Men's Doubles Qual	Men's Doubles Qual	Men's Doubles Qual	Men's Doubles Qual
11:30	12:00	Men's Doubles Qual	Men's Doubles Qual	Men's Doubles Qual	Men's Doubles Qual
12:00	12:20	BUFFER BREAK			
12:20	12:50	Men's Doubles Qual	Men's Doubles Qual	Men's Doubles Qual	Men's Doubles Qual
12:50	13:20	Men's Doubles Qual	Men's Doubles Qual	Men's Doubles Qual	Men's Doubles Qual
13:20	13:50	Men's Doubles Qual	Men's Doubles Qual	Men's Doubles Qual	Men's Doubles Qual
13:50	14:20	Men's Doubles Qual	Men's Doubles Qual	Men's Doubles Qual	Men's Doubles Qual
14:20	15:30	LUNCH BREAK			
15:30	16:00	Men's Doubles Qual	Men's Doubles Qual	Men's Doubles Qual	Men's Doubles Qual
16:00	16:30	Men's Doubles Qual	Men's Doubles Qual	Men's Doubles Qual	Men's Doubles Qual
16:30	17:00	Men's Doubles Qual	Men's Doubles Qual	Men's Doubles Qual	Men's Doubles Qual
17:00	17:30	Men's Doubles Qual	Men's Doubles Qual	Men's Doubles Qual	Men's Doubles Qual
17:30	18:00	BREAK + MEN'S DOUBLES KO DRAW			
18:00	18:40	Men's Doubles KO16	Men's Doubles KO16	Men's Doubles KO16	Men's Doubles KO16
18:40	19:20	Men's Doubles KO16	Men's Doubles KO16	Men's Doubles KO16	Men's Doubles KO16
19:20	20:00	Men's Doubles QF	Men's Doubles QF	Men's Doubles QF	Men's Doubles QF
20:00	20:40	Men's Doubles SF	Men's Doubles SF		
20:40		END OF DAY 2			

Day 3 - Indoor - 05 October - World Series - Budapest 2024

Start	End	Table 1	Table 2	Table 2	Table 3
8:30	9:00	Women's Doubles Qual	Women's Doubles Qual	Women's Doubles Qual	Women's Doubles Qual
9:00	9:30	Women's Doubles Qual	Women's Doubles Qual	Women's Doubles Qual	Women's Doubles Qual
9:30	10:00	Women's Doubles Qual	Women's Doubles Qual	Women's Doubles Qual	Women's Doubles Qual
10:00	10:30	Women's Doubles Qual	Women's Doubles Qual	Women's Doubles Qual	Women's Doubles Qual
10:30	11:00	Women's Doubles Qual	Women's Doubles Qual	Women's Doubles Qual	Women's Doubles Qual
11:00	11:30	Women's Doubles Qual	Women's Doubles Qual	Women's Doubles Qual	Women's Doubles Qual
11:30	12:00	BREAK + WOMEN'S DOUBLES KO DRAW			
12:00	12:40	Women's Doubles QF	Women's Doubles QF	Women's Doubles QF	Women's Doubles QF
12:40	13:20	Women's Doubles SF	Women's Doubles SF		
13:20	END OF DAY 3				

Day 4 - Indoor - 06 October - World Series - Budapest 2024

Start	End	Table 1
17:00		Women's Doubles FINAL
FOLLOWED BY		Men's Doubles FINAL
FOLLOWED BY		Mixed Doubles FINAL
19:15	END OF DAY 4	

COACH CODE

1. Introduction:

The Teqball World Series aims to maintain the highest standards of professionalism, sportsmanship, and fair play. Coaches, being pivotal contributors to the event, are required to adhere to a comprehensive code of conduct and accreditation policy to ensure the smooth and respectful conduct of matches and contribute to the positive atmosphere of the championship.

2. Coach Accreditation:

Coach Accreditation can only be obtained during designated accreditation hours. Specific details can be found in the Event guide on fiteq.org.

Only coaches with valid Coach Accreditation are permitted next to the Field of Play (FoP) during their team's matches, in accordance with their registration.

No person is allowed to enter the coaching box after the Coin Toss procedure of a match.

3. Adherence to Rules and Regulations:

Coaches are expected to strictly adhere to The Official Rules and Regulations of Teqball.

Coaches must remain within the designated coaching box/coaching zone throughout the match, including breaks between sets, warm-up, or time-outs. Re-entry to the coaching box is not permitted once a coach leaves.

Coaches must refrain from talking or providing instructions to their athlete/team during rallies.

4. Sportsmanship and Celebration:

Coaches are encouraged to celebrate and motivate their teams in a manner that upholds the spirit of fair play (Spirit of the Game).

Coaches must embody the values of teqball and consistently demonstrate respect towards officials, other players, and spectators.

5. Clothing and Equipment Regulations:

Coaches must adhere to the clothing and equipment regulations outlined below.

5.1 National Clothing:

- Coaches are strongly encouraged to wear official team uniforms.
- Official team uniforms should be worn during official matches, team meetings, and any other championship-related events.

5.2 Neat and Professional Appearance:

- Coaches must maintain a neat and professional appearance at all times.
- Clothing should be clean, free of wrinkles, and in good condition.

5.3 Footwear:

- Sneakers or sports shoes are mandatory to wear during the competition.

5.4 Logos and Sponsorship:

- Coaches are allowed to wear clothing with small and discrete logos representing team sponsors.
- The display of commercial logos, political symbols, or any offensive content is strictly prohibited.

5.5 Attire Recommendations:

- During the qualifiers stages, coaches are advised to wear official team uniforms.
- For the broadcasted matches, coaches are recommended to wear business casual attire or official team uniforms.

6. Post-Match Responsibilities:

After matches, coaches are responsible for ensuring that the coaching box is kept clean and free from any litter, such as bottles, towels, or snack packaging.

7. Electronic Devices and Communication:

The use of electronic devices or communication tools by coaches during matches is strictly prohibited unless explicitly permitted by the event organizers for specific purposes.

Coaches must refrain from talking or providing instructions to their athlete/team during rallies.

8. Enforcement and Penalties:

Violation of any of the above guidelines may result in penalties, including fines, suspension, or other measures deemed necessary by the Competition Team.

9. Conclusion:

This policy is designed to ensure the integrity and smooth operation of the Teqball World Series. Coaches are expected to familiarize themselves with and abide by these guidelines for the duration of the event.

This policy is subject to change at the discretion of FITEQ. Any updates will be communicated promptly to all participating teams and coaches.



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