



2ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY EUROPEAN KUBB ASSOCIATION

Date: 30th of June 2022

Place: Wismar, Germany

Present members:

Belgian Kubb Federation: Kubbfederatie

Swiss Kubb Federation: Kubbtour

German Kubb Federation: Deutscher Kubb-Bund e.V.

Spanish Kubb Federation: AEK Asociación Española de Kubb

Swedish Kubb Federation: Svenska Kubbförbundet

Czech Kubb Federation: Česká Kubb asociace

French Kubb Federation: Fédération Française de Kubb

Present representatives:

For the Kubbfederatie: Dimitri Decrock, Stef Steyaert, Aster de Meersman

For the Kubbtour: Lukas Huser, Christoph Fischer, Rebecca Carlyle

For the Deutscher Kubb-Bund: Andreas Heiden, Klaus Riedel, Jens Meier

For the Asociación Española de Kubb: Luis Muniz Rodriguez, Sergio Avila Garcia

For the Svenska Kubbförbundet: Johan Lundin, Joakim Ekelöf

For the Česká Kubb asociace: Fanda Holada, Kaci Kremlova

For the French Federation: Ludovic Langlois, Olivier Delannoy, Romuald Le Flem

Protocol: Rebecca Carlyle

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1. WELCOME SPEECH

Christoph Fischer welcomes all present representatives and silent listeners to the second general assembly.

2. MEMBERS

Admission and confirmation of new members by the existing members of the association.

France is represented by Ludovic Langlois, Olivier Delannoy and Romuald Le Flem.

Czech Republic will not be joining in 2022. A Czech Association is founded. Czech Republic has spontaneously decided to join today and is represented by Fanda Holada and Kaci Kremlova.

Sweden is represented by Johan Lundin and Joakim Ekelöf.

3. ELECTION OF THE PROTOCOLIST AND VOTE COUNTER

Rebecca Carlyle is the protocolist and Dimitri Decrock is the vote counter.

16 votes are the total of possible votes (without votes from Czech Republic).

4. MINUTES OF THE LAST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE EKA

Approval of the minutes of the last general assembly by the members.

All agreed.

5. ANNUAL REVIEW BY THE PRESIDENT

In 2015 first talks about a possible European Kubb happened between representatives of different countries. The first meeting was in 2017. One year later in 2018 the first EKC was held in Baden Switzerland.

In December 2018 founding members Germany, Belgium and Switzerland founded the EKA.

In 2019 in Antwerpen, Belgium the second EKC was held, the first general assembly took place and the first new member with Spain joined the EKA.

The first virtual EKC was in 2020 since Corona prevented it from holding tournaments.

In 2022 the third EKC takes place in Wismar, Germany and the second general assembly is held.

6. FINANCES

6.1. FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2021

Financial Statement 2019



Income		
EKC 2019 Belgium		101.- EUR
Expenses		
Website / Domain	22.- CHF	20.- EUR
Total		+81.- EUR
Assets 2019	96.- CHF	87.- EUR

Financial Statement 2020



Income		
None		
Expenses		
Website / Domain	22.- CHF	20.- EUR
Total		-20.- EUR
Assets 2020	74.- CHF	67.- EUR

Financial Statement 2021



Income		
None		
Expenses		
Website / Domain	22.- CHF	20.- EUR
Total		-20.- EUR
Assets 2021	52.- CHF	47.- EUR

→ Approvement of the financial statement of 2021: all in favor

6.2. BUDGET 2022

Budget 2022



Income		
EKC 2022 Germany		120.- EUR
Expenses		
Website / Domain	22.- CHF	22.- EUR
Financial Institution	60.- CHF	60.- EUR
Webhosting / Wordpress	50.- CHF	50.- EUR
Total		-12.- EUR

Budget 2022 with Member Fees



Income		
EKC 2022 Germany		120.- EUR
EKA Member Fees (6x)		180.- EUR
Expenses		
Website / Domain	22.- CHF	22.- EUR
Financial Institution	60.- CHF	60.- EUR
Webhosting / Wordpress	50.- CHF	50.- EUR
Total		+168.- EUR

→ Approvement of the budget of 2019: all in favor

6.3. MEMBER FEES

According to paragraph 13 of the Statutes of the EKA, the general assembly shall set the member fees each year.

At the moment, the member associations do not pay a member fee. The income of the EKA comes from the EKC. The hosting country pays 1.- Euro for each team that participates at the EKC to the EKA.

The EKA does have a few small ongoing expenses, such as web hosting and domains, and expenses for the financial institute. The existing rule does not reliably cover for the expenses of the EKA, especially if the EKC is not guaranteed to take place each year.

In order to get a reliable source of income to cover the ongoing expenses, the following request is made by Lukas Huser, Treasurer of the EKA:

- 1) The member fee for each member association is 30.- Euro per year
- 2) The member association which is hosting the EKC does not have to pay the annual member fee, but shall pay 1.- Euro for each team which is participating at the EKC.

Other suggestions are to pay 50 Euros per country or to increase the amount per team. – Might not be possible for certain members.

The member fee could be recommended and optional.

New proposal:

The member fee for each member association is recommended and optional at 30.- Euro per year.

Votes:

Keep everything as it is. No member fees and 1 Euro per team. – 0 votes

Fee is recommended but optional with 30 Euros per nation and 1 Euro per team. – 15 votes → option approved

Fee is recommended but optional with 30 Euros per nation and 2 Euros per team. – 5 votes

7. EUROPEAN KUBB CHAMPIONSHIPS (EKC)

7.1. REVIEW EKC 2019 IN ANTWERP

7.2. OUTLOOK EKC 2022 IN WISMAR

7.3. APPLYING FOR HOSTING OF THE EKC 2023

By now, NO ONE has applied for the hosting of the EKC 2023. Member nations can apply for 2023 and / or the following years.

There is a possibility that Sweden will host the EKC 2023. They are talking to some sponsors and if it works out they will host it.

7.4. PETITION BY THE EKA EXECUTIVE BOARD - ALLOWING MEMBERS OF A NATIONAL FEDERATION TO PLAY FOR A CERTAIN COUNTRY

Existing rule:

To be able to play under the flag of a certain country, players must fulfill at least one of the following requirements:

- You must have a passport of said country
- You must be a are residents of said country

New proposal:

To be able to play under the flag of a certain country, players must fulfill at least one of the following requirements:

- You must have a passport of said country
- You must be a are residents of said country
- You must be a member of the national kubb federation of said country

→ 4 against and 13 in favor. The new proposal is granted.

8. PETITIONS FOR CHANGES TO THE OFFICIAL RULESET OF THE EKA

8.1. PETITION FROM CHRISTOPH FISCHER (SUI) - KUBB SET FORMAT USED AT THE EKC

Category: Preparation

Existing text from the rule set:

The EKA does not demand a certain Kubb set, but recommends to use Kubb sets with the same format as used at the VM i Kubb (kubbs: 7cm*7cm*15cm, sticks: 30cm length, 44mm diameter)

Newly proposed text for the rule set:

The official kubb sets used at the European Kubb Championships are in the following format: Kubbs:70x70x150mm, Sticks: 300mm length, 44mm diameter

If a hosting nation wants to use another format for the tournament, they need to discuss this with the executive board of the EKA first.

The weight or another input for the rule can be added for next year.

→ 11 in favor, 5 against, 1 withdrawn. - The new proposal is granted.

8.2. PETITION FROM PETER BERGENDAHL (SWE) - THROWING IN OF KUBBS

Category: Throwing in and setting up Kubbs

Existing text from rule set:

Throwing-in goes over two rounds: all kubbs are thrown-in successively during the first round

Kubbs that cannot be set up regularly after the first round have to be thrown-in a second time

All kubbs, that cannot be set up correctly after the second round of throwing in, have to be set up anywhere in the opposing half of the pitch by the opposing team (penalty kubb)

Newly proposed rule text:

All the kubbs are allowed to be thrown-in only once. If a Kubb cannot be set up correctly after the first round of throwing in, it has to be set up anywhere in the opposing half of the pitch by the opposing team (penalty kubb).

The rule should be tested by different nations in a tournament mode. It sounds appealing but also unnecessary at the current kubb level.

→ 16 against it. - Proposal is dismissed.

8.3. PETITION FROM ANDREAS THOR (GER) - PENALTY KUBBS

Category: Throwing in and setting up Kubbs

Existing text from the rule set:

All kubbs, that cannot be set up correctly after the second round of throwing in, have to be set up anywhere in the opposing half of the pitch by the opposing team (penalty kubb)

Newly proposed text for the rule set:

All kubbs that cannot be set up correctly after the second round of throwing in, have to be thrown in by the opposing team in the opposing half of the pitch. (penalty kubb)

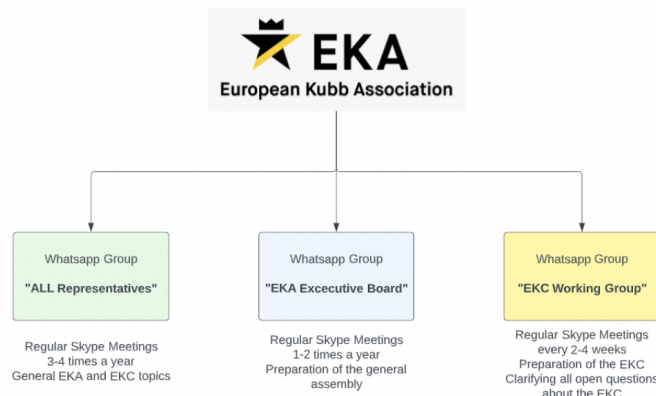
It could be more time consuming to throw it in and maybe it gets back and has to be inkasted again.

→ 4 in favor, 11 against and 2 withdrawn. - Proposal is dismissed.

9. FURTHER TOPICS OF THE ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

9.1. COMMUNICATION CONCEPT

EKA and EKC Communication Concept



- EKA chat with all representatives for general information
- EKA chat with executive board members - organization of general assembly
- Working group chat for questions about the EKC organization. Consists of the organization nation and some key members for their representative specialities.

10. ELECTION OF THE BOARD MEMBERS

Els Debrucker has announced her leaving of the EKA executive board, which leaves one spot vacant. All member nations of the EKA and their representatives are invited to apply for Els' spot. The rest of the current members of the executive board are applying for re-election.

→ 15 in favor for Johan Lundin, 1 withdrawn (Johan Lundin).

→ All current members of the executive board are approved.

11. OPEN DISCUSSION: PETITION FROM JOAKIM EKELÖF (SWE) FOR A POSSIBLE RULE CHANGE - ALLOWING ANY FORM OF ROTATION ON THROWING STICKS

No vote on this topic. Open discussion for max. 10 Minutes.

BACKGROUND

The main goal of EKA is, according to the homepage, to increase the interest for kubb and make it more professional. Most people that I know of in the kubb family would argue that the main reason why they play kubb is because it is fun and because of the nice fellowship. This is the main factor that needs to be cherished for kubb to get bigger and grow, and also the reason for this petition.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROBLEM

The 30-degree rule, is by far, the rule that creates the most arguments, discussions and anger within the sport. That's why it's also the biggest threat to the goals of EKA.

ARGUMENTS FOR CHANGING THE RULES

When a stick is thrown it's a matter of split seconds to judge the angle. It is often extremely hard to judge whether a non-straight stick has 25, 30 or 35 degrees, especially if you had a beer or two. To have a rule that completely could change the outcome of the game based on the judgment of the opponent is untenable. Especially if we should strive for professionalism. I can't think of any other professional sport which has any similar judgment of a rule. Imagine a football game where the ball after a strong shot hits the crossbar, hits the goal line, and bounces out again. – Ok now it's up to the opponent to judge whether the ball crossed the goal line or not, what do you think they will say? We could take an example from the kubb world. Let's say that 8 kubbs are tossed in nicely by player A. The first stick hits perfectly with 20-degree angle and the kubbs is spread over half the play court of the opponent. The opponent judges the stick to be over 30 – degrees and raises the kubbs again. Game over. Even though I have trained kubb for 28 years I am unable to throw 100% of the sticks completely straight. Some sticks have a slight angle, but despite my experience I can't judge with certainty whether it's above more or less than 30 degrees. I therefore feel sorry for all the new serious players who try to adapt to this rule but still aren't quite there. Several times I have heard that it's ok for beginners to toss the sticks with a bit of an angle. But who is to judge when a player is supposed to throw straight and how much angle is allowed for a beginner?

ARGUMENTS AGAINST CHANGING THE RULES

The main arguments that I have faced when proposing this change of rules is that kubb would become too easy. I don't fully agree to that (I will leave this discussion outside this document) but if that's the case then there are several ways to balance this. I can think of several ways of making the game harder. For example, allow the

kubbs to be tossed only once, make the field 9 meters instead of 8. Another alternative would be to add one base kubb. I am sure you can think of many ways to make the game harder. Another argument that I often hear is that it does not “look nice” when you toss the sticks with an angle. That argument is subjective and hard to counter. From my perspective it takes more skill to be able to vary the angle of the stick depending on the situation. Those of you who think it doesn’t look nice, do you also think it doesn’t look nice when a bowler tosses a bowling ball with spin, so it hits the pins with an angle?

POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS

1. To have impartial judges in each game. Probably not possible. Not enough impartial players available.
2. Install cameras on all fields and evaluate the tosses with computers. Probably not possible. Expensive and time consuming.
3. Change the rules.

SUGGESTED SOLUTIONS

Take away the 30-degree rule completely. Change the rule of tossing the kubbs twice. Allow only one toss. This would erase the biggest source of arguments, discussions and anger which would result in an even greater atmosphere in the kubb arena. I am also convinced that this would facilitate the growth and popularity of this sport.

The representatives discuss the pros and cons of this proposal. It might work with a combination of other rules such as only inkasting the Kubbs once.

This rule should be tested in different countries and in tournaments.

Wismar, 30th of June 2022



Rebecca Carlyle
Secretary of the EKA