



# 3RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

## EUROPEAN KUBB ASSOCIATION

**Date:** 06th of July 2023

**Place:** Stockholm, Sweden

**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

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

For the Deutscher Kubb-Bund: Andreas Heiden, 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, Stani, Voita

For the French Federation: Ludovic Langlois, Romuald Le Flem, Jean Philipp

**Protocol:** Rebecca Carlyle

**Agenda items:**

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## **1. WELCOME SPEECH**

Christoph Fischer welcomes all the present members and the guests who are listening in at the general assembly. He stresses the importance of the meeting and the possibility to discuss Kubb with different associations and is happy about the participation of all the representatives and listeners.

## **2. MEMBERS**

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

Poland and Luxembourg are present but are not new members.

Listeners:

Italy: Alberto Diomede

Poland: Mariuz Kurcaba, Dominik Dura, Agata Sobiechowska

Luxemburg: Daniel Schweitzer

Germany: Andreas Fach, Holger Meier

## **3. ELECTION OF THE PROTOCOLIST AND VOTE COUNTER**

Protocolist: Rebecca Carlyle

Vote counter: Andreas Thor

## **4. MINUTES OF THE LAST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE EKA**

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

→ Vote on the minutes: all agree

## **5. ANNUAL REVIEW BY THE PRESIDENT**

Christoph Fischer reviews the history of the EKA and the past EKC's.

## Annual Review by the President



### History of the European Kubb Association

- First talks about EKC and EKA in 2015, first working group created in 2017
- First EKC in 2018 in Switzerland, officially founded in December 2018 (GER, BEL, CH)
- Second EKC 2019 in Antwerp, Belgium and second general assembly
- First new Members from Spain in 2019
- Covid-19 and first virtual EKC in 2020
- Third EKC and second general assembly in 2022
- New members from France, Czech Republic and Sweden



Purposes and tasks: Collaboration between European countries and their Kubb associations and realization of the EKC in another country each year. Furthermore is the general assembly a place to discuss and decide about the tournament concept, the hosting country and the ruleset of the EKC.

Future goals: More members of the EKA. But members can only join if they have a national federation.

Christoph Fischer asks the present members to add more inputs for the general assembly to encourage a discussion between all the members. Also the past organizers should be more involved and help to improve the next EKC to make it better every year.

## 6. FINANCES

### 6.1. FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2022

#### Financial Statement 2022



<b>Assets 2021</b>		<b>-13.- EUR</b>
<b>Income</b>		
EKC 2022 Wismar		105.- EUR
Member Fees (Belgium, Switzerland, France)		90.- EUR
<b>Expenses</b>		
Webhosting / Domain	78.- CHF	80.- EUR
Financial Institute	60.- CHF	62.- EUR
<b>Total</b>		<b>+53.- EUR</b>
<b>Assets 2022</b>		<b>40.- EUR</b>

Lukas Huser explains the financial statement of 2022. Member fees were paid by Belgium, Switzerland and France. The other main income was the 105 Euros paid by last years hosting country Germany. It consists of 1 Euro per team which played in the 3vs3 and the Freshmans Cup.

→ Vote on the financial statement: all agreed

## 6.2. BUDGET 2023

### Budget 2023



<b>Income</b>		
EKC 2023 Stockholm		100.- EUR
EKA Member Fees (6x)		180.- EUR
EKC Tournament Manager		50.- EUR
<b>Expenses</b>		
Webhosting / Domain	78.- CHF	80.- EUR
Financial Institution	60.- CHF	62.- EUR
Trophy Nameplates (2022 + 2023)		131.- EUR
<b>Total</b>		<b>+57.- EUR</b>

Lukas Huser presents the budget for 2023. It is expected that there will be an income from the hosting country Sweden with 1 Euro per team playing and EKA member fees from all EKA members. Furthermore Lukas expects to have some income with the EKC tournament manager which is used by different tournament organizers. This money is divided evenly between Lukas and the EKA.

Arena: Thanks to Fanda for the sponsoring and all the associations for paying for the arena.

→ Vote on the budget for 2023: all agreed

## 7. EUROPEAN KUBB CHAMPIONSHIPS (EKC)

### 7.1. REVIEW EKC 2022 IN WISMAR

With 220 single players the EKC in Wismar was the biggest singles tournament thus far. 105 teams played in the 3vs3 tournaments. 12 nations in total participated in the

different tournaments. Big thank you to the German organization committee who did a fantastic job.

Survey: After the EKC in Wismar there was a survey about the tournament and the concept. 48 participants filled out the questions of the survey.

### Tournament system

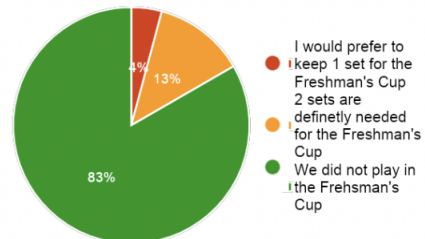


Playing 3 tournaments in two days is tough and necessarily leads to a tight time schedule. Too much to squeeze into two days, as some might say. We really want to keep the full format with all three categories: 1vs1, 3vs3 and 6vs6. But we also feel that two days is just not quite enough.

#### Should we change the tournament system / number of days for the tournament?



#### Should the Freshman's Cup be played on two sets as well?



Tournament system: Almost half of the participants are willing to change the time schedule to more than two days. This leads to a discussion about the tournament concept.

## 7.2. OUTLOOK EKC 2023 STOCKHOLM

Christoph Fischer thanks the organization committee for all the work they put into this years EKC.

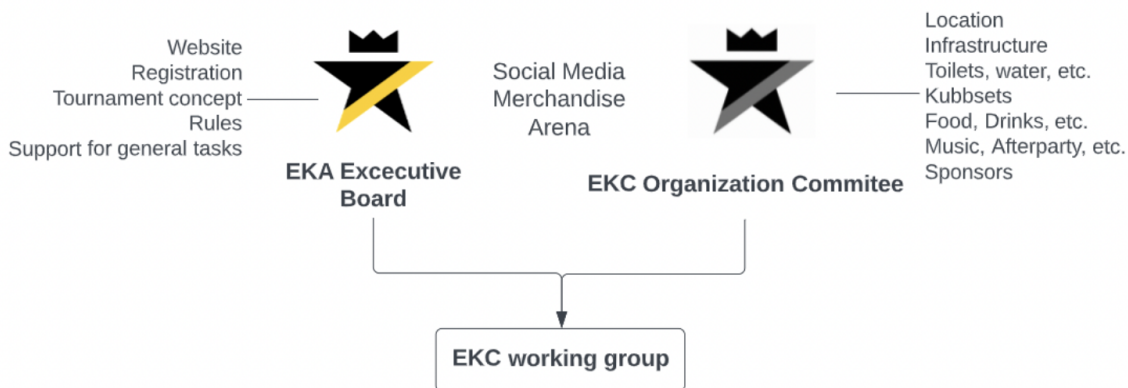
## 7.3. HOST OF THE EKC 2024

By now, NO ONE has applied for the hosting of the EKC 2024. Czech Republic was / is interested for 2024, France is interested for 2025. Member nations can apply for 2024 and / or the following years.

Fanda Holada explains that the Czech Republic is a small Kubb nation. They are interested in hosting the EKC but are worried about the possible manpower and no one wants to take responsibility for the tournament.

Christoph Fischer explains what the tasks of the hosting country would be and also explains that the working groups offer a lot of support.

## What does a host need to do?



### **7.4. CHANGES TO THE TOURNAMENT CONCEPT - PROPOSAL BY JOAKIM EKELÖF (SWE)**

The petitioner proposed a new scoring system for the Swiss system in the 1vs1 and 3vs3 categories. All representatives of the EKA have already voted in favor of changing the scoring system via whatsapp.

Previous point system: 1 point for every set won. Possible outcomes are 2:0, 1:1, 1:0, 0:1 and 0:0

New approved point system: 1 Point for each Kubb hit in the game and an extra 3 points for the king. Possible outcomes are 8:8, 16:0, 16:10, 10:16, 16:8, 5:16, 0:0, and many more

The petitioner suggests potential additional changes to the tournament concept including:

- Reducing the amount of rounds in the Swiss system from 8 to 7
- Introducing chess clocks to reduce playing time and having a more tie-break



- Adding an additional half a day for the tournament and starting on thursday afternoon

As the outcome of this year's tournament and time table is still unknown the EKA suggests to NOT decide about potential further changes to the tournament concept and instead have an open discussion about the future of the EKC at the end of the assembly (see 11.2).

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

### **8.1. PETITION FROM DIMITRI DECROCK (BEL) - CLARIFICATION OF PLAYING RULE FOR TEAMS WITH 4+ PLAYERS**

Category: THROWING STICKS

Existing text from the rule set:

None

Newly proposed text for the rule set:

The sticks must be divided equally between at least 3 players each round. Teams with more than 3 players have the right to leave out players as long as every round at least three different players throw a stick.

The members discuss if the new rule is an advantage or disadvantage for bigger teams.

→ Against: 2 votes, Agreed: 11 votes, Abstention from voting: 2 votes. - The new rule is added to the rule set..

### **8.2. PENALTY KUBBS**

Category: PENALTY KUBBS

Existing rule:

A penalty kubbs set up touching the baseline becomes a base kubbs.

New rule:

Penalty kubbs have to be at least one length of a stick away from the base line and cannot become a base kubb again.

Because of the new counting system in the tournaments that every hit base kubb equals a point, the existing rule complicates the counting. For that reason the new rule states that the kubbs cannot be put back on the base line.

→ Against: 2 votes, Agreed: 7 votes, Abstention from voting: 4 votes - The new rule is accepted and will be added to the rule set.

## **9. FURTHER TOPICS OF THE ASSOCIATION MEMBERS**

Please note that also guests of the general assembly can bring up topics to discuss, but will not be able to vote about it.

## **10. ELECTION OF THE BOARD MEMBERS**

The executive board of the European Kubb Association consist of the following people:

President: Christoph Fischer - Switzerland

Vice-President: Andreas Thor - Germany

Treasurer: Lukas Huser - Switzerland

Secretary: Rebecca Carlyle - Switzerland

Board Member: Jens Meier - Germany

Board Member: Stef Steyaert - Belgium

Board Member: Johan Lundin - Sweden

All current members of the executive board are applying for re-election.

→ No EKA member wants to apply for a board position - all board members are re-elected.

## **11. OPEN DISCUSSION (WITHOUT VOTE)**

### **11.1. PLEAD BY DIMITRI DECROCK (BEL) - REGULATE THE NUMBER OF CHANGES TO THE TOURNAMENT RULES**

I advocate for not frequently changing the rules of the European Kubb Championship but rather clarifying them where necessary. This allows all countries sufficient time to adapt to the European rules. Continuously changing rules do not provide an opportunity for gradual adjustment and are particularly challenging for inexperienced players.

#### **Argument 1: Gradual adjustment for all countries**

Maintaining the current rules of the European Kubb Championship is crucial as it allows all participating countries to gradually adapt to the European rules.

#### **Argument 2: Preservation of fairness and stability**

Stable rules ensure the fairness of the European Kubb Championship. Sudden rule changes would jeopardize equal opportunities for teams and disadvantage experienced players. Preserving consistent rules is essential to guarantee a fair competition.

#### **Argument 3: Challenges for inexperienced players**

New rules bring challenges, especially for inexperienced players. The European Kubb Championship brings together players of different levels, but not all players have the same experience and skills. Regular rule changes hinder the growth and development of inexperienced players. We should also strive to ensure that every Kubb player can play anywhere without worrying about different rules.

#### **Conclusion**

Let us facilitate a fair and challenging championship for all participating countries through consistent rules.

## **11.2. DISCUSSION LEAD BY JOAKIM EKELÖF (SWE) - FUTURE OF THE EKC TOURNAMENT CONCEPT**

Presentation of thoughts and possible consequences of adding an additional (half) day to the current tournament schedule or other possibilities (see 7.4).

We will ask all present participants of the general assembly what they think about extending the tournament to Thursday afternoon. Everyone should and need to give their opinion about having additional playing time on Thursday afternoon. We will not decide anything just yet, but gather information from the country's representatives.

Later in the year, when we see how the EKC turned out we will have a debriefing about the tournament via Teams with all representatives and have an online vote about extending the tournament or not.

**Switzerland:** Will probably lose some players but will be accepted. For players arriving a day earlier and having more time it will be more enjoyable.

**Germany:** Maybe difficult to have more holidays but will be enjoyable to have more time to play.

**Poland:** Cannot have an opinion since it is the first time participating.

**Spain:** Starting on Thursday will be too early and some participants will not take part in it.

**Italy:** Sounds good. How will the General Assembly be integrated in the new time schedule?

**Czech Republic:** Crazy and kubbininterested people will take holidays.

**Luxemburg:** With having a family it is difficult to add another day.

**Belgium:** Expanding the tournament is good, but depending on the country it is expensive and a lot of players will not participate.

**Sweden:** After two days of Kubb maybe another day is too much for the motivation of the players.

**France:** Difficult to add more free days to participate and so no or almost none of the players will participate.

Another possibility is to lose the 6vs6. But this is the most important part. The 1vs1 could be played for a few rounds on Thursday or the 6vs6 could be played then and not be connected to the 1vs1.

### **11.3. MISCELLANEOUS TOPICS**

Question Poland: Hitting the king with a kubb the set is lost. Clarification of the rule can be added in the rule set for next year.

Discussion about people with not enough players for the 6vs6. Could there be a mixed team? The best players from different nations with not enough players can form a team. This was discussed many times before and is not a possibility at this time.

The winning team from each category should get a trophy to keep. – People get medals to keep. The current trophies are too expensive to keep and to renew and pay for them every year since the EKA does not have a big income to pay for trophies.

Stockholm, 06 of July 2023



Rebecca Carlyle  
Secretary of the EKA