

EUROPEAN GAMES 2027

Squash Qualification System

European Individual Closed Championships

1. Competition Format

Events	Men's Singles and Women's Singles
Participants	Individuals representing European National Olympic Committees (NOCs)
Medals	Gold, Silver, Bronze
Medal Playoffs	Top four players per event (Semi-finals and Final)
Competition Duration	5 days
Draw Size	24 players per gender
Seeding	Based on PSA World Rankings published on the 19 th April 2027
Host Nation	Türkiye

Note: The PSA has been approached regarding the award of additional PSA ranking points for the European Games. Confirmation of the applicable points allocation will be communicated to all nations once agreed.

2. Draw Composition

The 24-player draw per gender shall be composed as follows:

Places	Qualification Route	Running Total
21	Direct qualification by PSA World Ranking (cut-off date: 19 April 2027)	21
1	Host country (Türkiye)	22
2	Qualification tournament	24
	TOTAL	24

3. Direct Qualification (21 Places)

3.1 Ranking-Based Allocation

Twenty-one (21) places per gender shall be allocated based on the PSA World Ranking published on 19 April 2027, subject to the following national allocation rules:

Player's PSA Ranking at Cut-Off Date (19 April 2027)	Maximum Players per Nation, per gender	Notes
Top 100	Up to 3 players	Standard entitlement for top-100 ranked players
Outside top 100 (ranked 101+)	Up to 2 players	Only where the nation has fewer than 2 players already qualified via top 100 (see 3.2)
Maximum per nation (combined)	3 players	Absolute cap regardless of ranking

For clarity, the following examples illustrate how the national allocation rules operate:

- A nation with two or more players in the top 100 may not add any further players from outside the top 100. The maximum of three places is reached via the top-100 entitlement alone.
- A nation with one player in the top 100 may add up to one further player from outside the top 100 (bringing the total to a maximum of two). Note: in this scenario the outside-top-100 cap of two does not grant an extra place beyond three in total.
- A nation with no players in the top 100 may nominate up to two players from outside the top 100 for direct qualification places, subject to availability.
- A nation with no players in the top 100 and no available direct places may enter the Qualification Tournament (see Section 4).

3.2 Outside Top-100 Allocation – Clarification

Places outside the top 100 are allocated as additional fill-in places where the 21 direct qualification spots have not been fully claimed by top-100 ranked players. The rule operates as follows:

- If a nation already has two or more players in the top 100 of the PSA World Ranking, no additional outside-top-100 place is available to that nation.
- If a nation has one player in the top 100, one additional outside-top-100 place may be allocated if available.
- If a nation has no players in the top 100, up to two outside-top-100 places may be allocated if available, subject to the overall cap of three players per nation.

3.3 Allocation of Unallocated Places

If any of the 21 direct qualification places remain unallocated after applying the national caps above, those places shall be offered to the next highest-ranked eligible players in the PSA World Ranking, subject to the national caps set out in clause 3.1.

3.4 NOC Confirmation

All directly qualified players must be confirmed by their respective National Olympic Committee (NOC). ESF shall notify qualified players and their national federations of their allocated places no later than seven (7) days after the cut-off date (i.e., by 26 April 2027).

National federations must secure and submit NOC confirmation of their qualified players by 1 June 2027. Failure to confirm a player by this deadline will result in that place being withdrawn and reallocated in accordance with clause 3.5 below.

3.5 Withdrawal and NOC Non-Confirmation Replacements

In the event that an NOC does not confirm a qualified player, or a directly qualified player withdraws due to injury, illness, or personal choice, the following replacement procedure shall apply:

Circumstance	Replacement Procedure
Withdrawal of a top-100 player (before close of entries)	Replace with the next highest-ranked eligible player from the same nation who is also ranked in the top 100, if available. If no such player exists, the place is offered to the next highest-ranked eligible player from another nation that has not reached its national cap.
Withdrawal of an outside-top-100 player (before close of entries)	Place is offered to the next highest-ranked eligible player in the PSA World Ranking from any nation that has not yet reached its national cap.
NOC does not confirm a qualified player	Place is offered to the next highest-ranked eligible player in the PSA World Ranking from another nation that has not yet reached its national cap, prioritising top-100 players.
Late withdrawal (after close of entries)	ESF will determine the replacement procedure on a case-by-case basis, drawing from the qualification tournament results where possible (see Section 4.4).

ESF shall communicate all replacement offers within five (5) working days of the vacancy arising. Nations offered a replacement place must confirm acceptance within five (5) working days of notification.

4. Qualification Tournament (2 Places)

4.1 Eligibility

The Qualification Tournament is open to nations not represented amongst the 21 directly qualified places per gender. Each eligible nation may nominate one (1) player per gender.

Players who qualify directly for the European Games via PSA World Ranking between the entry deadline and the cut-off date of 19 April 2027 will be automatically withdrawn from the Qualification Tournament. Their nation may not substitute a replacement entry once the entry deadline has passed. Players who fail to qualify by ranking after the entry deadline may be added to the tournament.

Member national federations are responsible for all costs, travel, and any applicable packages associated with participation in the Qualification Tournament, as per the regulations of the European Individual Closed Championships (EICC).

4.2 Format and Draw

The format shall be as follows:

Single-elimination format with a preliminary round; seeding based on PSA World Rankings at the cut-off date, 19 April 2027.

Bronze match will establish 3rd and 4th position.

4.3 Qualification Places

The top two (2) players per gender in the Qualification Tournament shall qualify for the European Games, subject to NOC confirmation by 1 June 2027.

4.4 Withdrawal Replacements from the Qualification Tournament

In the event of the withdrawal of a player who qualified through the Qualification Tournament, replacements shall be drawn from the players finishing 3rd to 6th in the Qualification Tournament, in order of finish. ESF must be notified of any such withdrawal without delay.

If no replacement is available from within the Qualification Tournament, the place will be forfeited and the draw adjusted accordingly.

4.5 Entry Deadlines

Entries for the Qualification Tournament must be submitted no later than one (1) month prior to the tournament start date. Nations are responsible for ensuring their nominated player remains available and eligible at the time of competition.

5. Host Country Place (1 Place)

Türkiye, as host nation, is entitled to one (1) host country place per gender in the European Games squash competition. This place is included within the 24-player draw and does not constitute an additional entry beyond the stated draw size, i.e. the draw is composed of 21 direct qualification places + 1 host country place + 2 qualification tournament places = 24 total.

The host country selection process shall be as follows:

- The player is selected by Türkiye Squash according to its internal selection process.
- The selected player must be approved by the Türkiye Olympic Committee.
- Final confirmation of the host country player must be submitted to ESF no later than 1 May 2027.
- If the nominated host country player is unable to participate, Türkiye Squash may nominate a replacement, subject to approval by the Türkiye Olympic Committee and confirmation by ESF within five (5) working days of the vacancy arising.

There is no minimum PSA ranking requirement for the host country place. The host country player will be seeded based on their PSA World Ranking at the cut-off date in the same manner as all other participants.

6. Key Dates and Timeline

Date	Milestone
6 April 2027	Deadline for Qualification Tournament entries (one month before tournament)
1 May 2027	Deadline for host country player confirmation to ESF
19 April 2027	PSA World Rankings cut-off date
26 April 2027	ESF notification of direct qualification places to nations (7 days after cut-off)
6–9 May 2027	Qualification Tournament (dates to be confirmed — to follow cut-off date)
1 June 2027	Deadline for NOC confirmation of all qualified players
8 June 2027	Deadline for ESF to notify replacement places following non-confirmations (5 working days after 1 June)
16 June 2027	European Games Opening Ceremony
22–26 June 2027	European Games Squash Competition (Tuesday – Saturday)
27 June 2027	European Games Closing Ceremony

Note: The Qualification Tournament must take place after the PSA World Ranking cut-off date of 19 April 2027 so that players who qualify directly by ranking are withdrawn before the tournament draw is finalised. The exact dates of the Qualification Tournament are subject to ESF confirmation and will be communicated to national federations as soon as possible.

7. General Provisions

7.1 Nationality and Eligibility

All players must hold the nationality of the nation (in the form of a current official passport) they represent and must be eligible to compete under the rules of the European Squash Federation, World Squash Federation, and the relevant National Olympic Committee.

7.2 Anti-Doping

All participants are subject to the World Anti-Doping Code and applicable ESF and WSF anti-doping regulations. Participation constitutes acceptance of these obligations.

7.3 Disputes and Interpretation

Any disputes arising from the application or interpretation of this qualification system shall be referred to the ESF for resolution. The decision of the ESF shall be final and binding, save in respect of matters reserved to the Court of Arbitration for Sport.

7.4 Amendments

ESF reserves the right to amend this qualification system in exceptional circumstances, in consultation with the World Squash Federation and subject to approval from the EOC. Any amendments will be communicated to all national federations with as much notice as reasonably practicable.