

ERSO rulebook 2024

European modifications to the IJRU rulebook

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The European Rope Skipping Organisation (ERSO) is the European organisation for the sport of Jump Rope/Rope Skipping and the European representation of IJRU. Whenever either of the two descriptions Jump Rope/Rope Skipping are used, it is intended they are read interchangeably and represent all elements of the sport.

According to the agreement between ERSO and International Jump Rope Union (IJRU) the IJRU Rulebook v3.0.0 (consisting of the Competition Manual, Judging Manual and Technical Manual) is accepted as the Rulebook to be used in European competitions between January 1st 2023 and August 31st 2024, but with the following enhancements/modifications:

Technical Manual

No adaptations

Judging Manual

No adaptations

Competition Manual

Competition Structure

The following text replaces the first two parts of the text in Article 'Competition Structure' if the IJRU rule book:

The ERSO competition series in Europe is made up of the European Open Tournament (EOT), Junior European Championships (JEC) and European Championships (EC).

Double Dutch Contest can take place during the European Rope Skipping Championships 2024.

Age groups

The following text replaces the complete text in Article 'Age groups' in the IJRU rule book:

Ages are determined based on the athlete's age as of December 31 in the year of the competition. The competitors will be entered at their age as of this date. Ages will be verified against government issued documents during accreditation.

European Open Tournament

The European Open Tournament is a one-round, competition run parallel to the European Championships. The European Open Tournament has the following age groups: 12-15 and 16+. For team events the team qualifies for the age category of the oldest athlete of the team entry. This means that athletes can compete up across any age category in the European Open Tournament.

Junior European Championships

Competitors in the Junior European Championships must be no younger than 12 and younger than 16 by the designated competition age cut-off date.



European Championships

Competitors in the European Championships must be 16 or older by the designated competition age cut-off date with the following exception:

For team events, at least one member of the group must be 16 or older. The remaining member(s) must be at least 13 or older. Athletes aged 13-15 entering team events in the European Championships won't be allowed entry in the same event(s) in the Junior European Championships (or EOT).

Show Competition

Competitors in the Show Competition must be no younger than 12 by the designated competition age cut-off date.

Events

The following text replaces the first part of the text in Article 'Events' of the IJRU rule book:

These events will be competed in the Junior European Championships, European Championships and European Open Tournament.

All the events mentioned in the Article 'Events' will be competed in the European and Junior European team and individual competitions. The event Single Rope Triple Unders will not be competed in JEC and EOT 12-15. In EOT all events except DDTF will be competed.

In JEC and EC overall/all around will be awarded. In the EOT overall/all around will not be awarded.

Summary of Competition Types with Events, Age Divisions and Number of Participants allowed per country:

	Age division	Team			Individual		Show
Gender categories		Male Female Open	Male Female Open	Any gender	Male Female		Any gender
Events		SRSR SRDR SRPF SRTF DDSR DDSS DDSF DDPF	WHPF	DD Triad	SRSS SRSE SRIF	Triple Unders	Show
Junior European Championships	12-15	3 teams per event	3 teams per event		3 athletes per event		
European Championships	16+	3 teams per event	3 teams per event	3 teams per event	3 athletes per event	3 athletes per event	
European Open Tournament	12-15	2 teams per event	2 teams per event		2 athletes per event		
	16+	2 teams per event	2 teams per event		2 athletes per event	2 athletes per event	
Show Competition	12+						1 team



In EC/JEC each country can enter a maximum of 3 AA teams, 3 SR OA and 3 DD OA teams; 3 OA individual athletes in each gender category.

Qualification for European Championships Finals

The following text replaces the first part of the text in Article 'Registration for World Championships Finals' in the IJRU rule book:

The top 6 athletes/teams in every event in the European Championships preliminaries (first round) qualify for the European Championship Finals. In case of ties in speed events all athletes/teams in the 'top-6' will qualify for the Finals; e.g. 3 persons having the same score on 3rd place and 3 persons having the same score on 6th place will send 8 persons in total to Finals.

If less than 6 athletes/teams are registered in a given event the athletes/teams will qualify for the Finals directly and not compete in the preliminaries.

Re-competing the SRSE 1x180 or SRTU Triple Unders events in Finals will be optional for athletes who qualify. Athletes who qualify will have two hours after the qualifiers are announced to decide whether they will re-compete either or both events in the Finals, or whether they choose to keep their qualifying score instead. The athlete, and the national head-coach (or head of delegation) will have to provide a signature confirming the choice(s) that they have made. Once the declaration is made, the decision is final, and changes will not be allowed. Any athlete who chooses to re-compete an event will be expected to do so.

Other modifications

Protests and appeals

The exact process for appeals/protest during JEC/EC/EOT 2024 will be communicated before the event. Appeals can be taken on:

- A scoring error related to data entry or calculation error (on matters concerning mathematical errors in calculating scores and in tabulating results).
- A decision by the tournament director or other tournament officials that is unfair or inconsistent with IJRU/ERSO rules.

Appeals will not be accepted on:

- The decision of judges (e.g. freestyles)

The IJRU Competitions Manual states that a video camera might be provided for each speed and multiple station to allow for recounts due to inaccurate clicking.

There will not be an official video camera at the speed and multiple stations at JEC/EC/EOT 2024. Instead, the team/athletes can have a person in the coaches' box filming the event beside the coach/team member (a maximum of two people in the box). It is the responsibility of the team/athlete to have a valid video if needed for a recount.

Please note the following information for speed and multiple video recording:

- Athlete(s) need to be always clearly visible during the event and video recording. Videos will not be accepted if the athlete(s) move out of the picture during the event. Also, videos will not be accepted if another person, e.g. team member, stands in front of the athlete – it is acceptable for a team member to pass.



- The audio of the video must clearly identify all start, switch, and stop signals of the official time track.
- The video recording is not allowed to be moved during video recording.
- Only recordings from the coaches' box are eligible for recounting. Videos from the tribunes cannot be used for recounting/appeals. There can be a maximum of two people in the coaches' box.

Rules on substitutions before and during the EC

In case of an injury or other special circumstances, athletes can be substituted before and during the European Competitions. Specific rules and deadlines on substitutions and potential change of music will be communicated prior to the event.

For the substitution, the following aspects must be considered:

- The substitution must not change the age or gender division of the competition entry.
- At least 50% of the athletes of the entry must remain the original registered competitors.
- For overall/all-around teams: the substitution must be member of the same overall/all-around team. Otherwise, they will not remain in the overall/all-around ranking.
- The substituted athlete may not compete in the same event twice. This holds true across competitions.
- Substituted athletes from other competitions (e. g. EOT à EC) can be substituted, if they did not compete in this event or overall/all-around before. Substituted athletes must be registered for the European Championships (EOT, JEC or EC).
- The substitution must be requested by the head of delegation or a chosen representative.

Judging requirements of a country

Countries participating in the European competitions are required to supply judges depending on their number of entries.

The exact number of required qualified IJRU level 3 judges will be communicated prior to the competition. Each country will have to nominate a certain number of judges per judging category (speed, difficulty, presentation, required elements).

If a country fails to fulfil their responsibility, then a 400 Euro fine for each missing judge will be imposed by ERSO on that country. A country is not allowed to send judges from other countries to judge for their own country without permission from ERSO. Countries that are competing for the first time do not have to supply any judges but are required to actively participate in any judges course that takes place during the event, in order to gain IJRU level 3 qualified judges for the next international competition.