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### From the President

Dear European Racquetball Friends,

we are making history this year! For the first time, the European Racquetball Championships will be held in Switzerland.

This is a remarkable development - no activities have been seen in the club in Switzerland for more than 30 years and it is only since 2023, with the first Swiss Open after 1990, that Swiss Racquetball has seen some revival.

We will continue our success story with the European Championships 2025 in Aesch, Switzerland this year.

With this bulletin we would like to send out some information to the ERF family as many of us do not know the club and the facilities yet.

We already shall thank Swiss Racquetball and Pro Kennex Racquetball for their committment to our efforts.

Do not hesitate to contact the ERF directly with any questions on the event, the venue and/or anything else about the ERF's adventure in 2025.

Yours in sport,

Mike Mesecke ERF President



### The host club

Indoorsport Aesch Eichacherstraße 14 8904 Aesch, Switzerland Phone: +41 44 737 31 66

3 regulation courts all with glass backwalls and a great viewing area.

The club has tennis courts as well.

A little snack bar/bistro serving coffee and beverages will be open during the tournament.



Aesch Birmensdorf





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### The host "city"

Aesch is a municipality in the district of Dietikon in the canton of Zürich in Switzerland.

Aesch has a population (as of 31 December 2020) of 1,709.[5] As of 2007, 7.2% of the population was made up of foreign nationals.

Most of the population (as of 2000) speaks German (93.1%), with English being second most common (2.0%) and Italian being third (1.3%).

There is one supermarket ("Volg-Laden") in town as well as one restaurant ("Restaurant Rössli").

Opening hours for the supermarket:

Mo - Fri 06:30 - 20:00 Sat 06:30 - 18:00

More restaurants and shopping possibilities are in closeby towns as Birmensdorf and Zurich of course.



### Hotels

There are no hotels in walking distance to the club, some suggestions from previous trips:

Ibis Hotel Adliswill Zurichstrasse 105 Zurich-Adliswil, 8134 Zürich Phone: +41 44 711 85 85

Hotel Stalden Berikon Friedlisbergstrasse 6, 8965 Berikon Phonen: +41 56 633 11 35

### Other stuff

### WIFI

The club has Wifi. At this point we do not know yet if we can all use it throughout the tournament. We suggest you check availabilities with your mobile provider.

### Important numbers

Emergency: 112

Koneisa Taxi: +41 33 333 20 00

Local contact Swiss President Ms. Monica Ona +41 79 959 61 77

### **Transportation**

There will be no official transportation offered by the Organizing Committee.

Public Transportation is available from Aesch to various directions.

Check out https://www.aesch-zh.ch/busfahr-plan for busses and times.

### **Stringing**

We plan to have a stringing machine in the club.

### **Streaming**

We plan to stream matches from Court 1.

### Official photographer

ERF Family member Ken Fife from the USA will be coming to Switzerland to take action pictures from all players competiting at the European Championships.

ERF Executive Committee

President Mike Mesecke (Germany) Vice President

Johnny OʻKenney (Ireland) General Secretary

Mikan van Zanten (Netherlands)
Treasurer

Karel Matla (Netherlands)



## The format

The European Championships for Men and Women will be divided into two seperate competitions. A team competition and an individual competition.

The ERF Rulebook will be the official rules. All matches in each division will be the best of three (3) games to 11, win by 2.

### **Team**

The team competition will consist of two singles players and one doubles team. Singles players may also play doubles.

Teams will play off to determine final team standings. Teams will compete head to head. Number one (1) vs. Number one (1), number two (2) vs. Number two (2) and doubles vs. Doubles. The team who wins two (2) out of three (3) matches will go forward.

### Individual

The individual competition will consist of a maximum of eight (8) players from each country in singles, doubles and mixed doubles. Knock-Off-System will be used for this competition. In addition, senior and junior competition will be held as well.

Planned senior and junior divisions:

**Seniors Singles 40+** 

**Veteran Masters Singles 50+** 

Veteran Golden Masters Singles 60+

**Veteran Senior Doubles 40+** 

**Veteran Master Doubles 50+** 

Veteran Golden Masters Doubles 60+

**Mixed Doubles** 

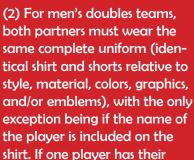
Juniors 16 and under

Juniors 14 and under

Juniors 12 and under

# The ERF's uniform policy

(1) All athletes must wear country identification while competing (name and/or emblem) on the backs of their shirts clearly visible from the outside to the referee, spectators, and the media.





name on the shirt, the other must have this feature as well.

- (3) For women's doubles, section 4 (a) applies except that one partner may wear shorts and the other a skirt/skort, but these must match exactly relative to material, colors, graphics, and/or emblems.
- (4) For mixed doubles teams, the participants must wear the same version of their national team uniform (matching material, colors, graphics, and/ or emblems) but males and females can wear styles made for their gender if they so desire. If one player has their name on the shirt, the other must have this feature as well.
- (5) Regarding shorts/skirts/skorts, the length may vary, but these must match exactly relative to style, material, colors, graphics, and/or emblems.

## Eligibilty rules

- (1) passport of the country of the ERF member, or
- (2) 36 consecutive months of residence in such country and
- (3) membership of the ERF recognized National Federation

Check your National Federation for it's possible own eligibility rules