

Bernd Best Tournament 2010 Regulations

1. Introduction

For organisational reasons the organising committee may differ from the rules stated below at short notice. However, we will inform you about any alterations as soon as possible and as described below.

2. Communication

Where, when and how to get the latest information?

2.1 General

Until Tuesday March 23rd 2010 alterations of the playing schedule will be announced at <http://www.bernd-best-turnier.de/>

Later on you get the information at the check-in office. The teams are responsible to obtain the necessary information that is available at the above locations.

The organising committee may change the assignments for the leagues the teams registered for. However, we try to do changes with all fairness and in accordance with the affected team.

2.2 Updated information on schedule, results and special notes

During the tournament please pay attention to the information boards located at:

- Gym A1 and Gym A2 at "Burgwiesenstrasse"
- Gym B at "Im Weidenbruch"
- Gym C at "Reitweg"
- Youth Hostel Friday evening and Saturday evening at entrance to party room
- BW Park Consul Hotel information board in the entrance area

Each team's team-manager is responsible to check the boards either in the Youth Hostel or BW Park Plaza Hotel until midnight for updates on the playing schedule.

3. Check-In

3.1 Teams

Each team has to check-in on Friday, March 26th 2010 from 10.30am until 3pm at the latest. Only the team manager or any person who has a similar position shall do the team check-in.

- Please show copy of payment of your bank
- Pass your mobile phone number for urgent calls

You will receive coupons for the whole team valid for diner on Friday and Saturday at the Youth Hostel, for your team's T-shirts and the tournament brochures.

3.2 Referees

All Referees whose names had been officially submitted and published on the referee's list (<http://registration.bernd-best-turnier.de/>) check-in at the **referees meeting on Friday March 26th 2010 1pm** at Gym A (Holweide, Burgwiesenstrasse).

Referees on late arrival will be checked-in by the referee's coordinator Monika Beckmann.

3.3 Table Officials

Table officials, whose names had been officially submitted by one of the participating teams, will be checked-in by the team manager of their team.

Table officials who are not connected with a team, register at the Gym to which they had been allocated, by contacting the person that is in charge for the table officials in that specific gym.

4. Ground Transportation

We will provide ground transportation between airport (CGN and DUS only!), hotel/youth hostel and gyms for our foreign guest arriving by plane. **Please submit your flight details well in advance to transport@bernd-best-turnier.de.**

4.1 Responsibilities for equipment

Each team has to check their equipment on arrival at the airport and after any transportation during Bernd Best Tournament. Please mark your equipment prominently with your team's name! The organiser takes no responsibility for left and lost equipment.

Beginning on Sunday morning the check-in tent will be available for all teams who need transportation to the airport to store luggage, wheelchairs and any other equipment.

5. Classification

5.1 Champions League

- All players have to be in possession of their international classification card, if not in possession of an international card, the classification card of their national federation is required to verify their classification points. We regret that we cannot offer an authorised classification panel. Any protests or request for the change of classification points cannot be negotiated during the whole tournament.
- Please check the classification points of all players as they are published on our web site. If you have reasons to disagree with a player's classification points you may ask for corrections until March 10th 2010 by contacting **sekretariat@bernd-best-turnier.de**
- All players have to present their official and actual international classification card at the commencement of the first match. Players with no international classification card present their official national classification card.
- **In the case of a difference between the points on a card and the officially published one on our web site the less favourable classification points are accepted.**
- If the international classification of a player has changed after the submission of your registration form you are obliged to report this to Bernd-Best-Secretariat: **sekretariat@bernd-best-turnier.de**
- Players who cannot verify their classification with an official classification card have to pay 25 Euro.

5.2 Professional, Advanced and Basic League

- Bernd Best Tournament will provide classification to new players, who were not classified yet. Please give notice to our secretariat of such a request until Wednesday March 10th 2010. Actual classification is provided by arrangement between BBT secretariat and the player on Friday March 26th 2010.
New players obtain a Bernd Best Tournament classification card **only valid at Bernd Best Tournament 2010.**

- For German players only: If your international classification differs from your German classification only your German classification will be valid at Bernd Best Tournament.

6. Tournament rules and regulations

6.1 General

- A team has to arrive in time to start the match. If a team cannot start to play in accordance with the rules within 15 minutes after the **scheduled** time the game is forfeit. The opponent team is declared the winner.
- All wheelchairs in the **Champions and Professional League** must be legal and conform completely to the IWRF-rules.
- The officials check rugby-wheelchairs in the **Advanced and Basic League** with more tolerance. Many players had not been able to adjust their wheelchairs to the recent rule changes by the IWRF for financial reasons. However, all wheelchairs have to be relieved from any appliances that are dangerous for the safety of the players or may cause damage to other wheelchairs as well as may give the player an unfair advantage.

A special committee is appointed, consisting of 1 referee and at least 1 experienced player, to decide in the case of a doubt.

Referees: Monika Beckmann, more to be announced on location

Players: Benjamin Putsch, more to be announced on location

- **Minor changes** to the wheelchairs can be done at the repair station of our Sponsor "Schmicking".
- Ranking of the teams of the Champions, Professional, Advanced and Basic-League in round robin pools of equally placed teams follow, in hierarchic order, the regulations below:
 1. Higher figure of won matches
 2. The result of the match between the two teams
 3. The higher goal quotient of the matches between the three teams
 4. The higher goal quotient of all matches
 5. By the toss of a coin.

Playing in a pool of 3 or more teams all scores of the matches are of significance for the final ranking.

6.2 Champions League

Competition in Champions League is played strictly according to IWRF rules (released October 1st 2008).

6.3 Professional, Advanced and Basic League

Competition in Professional, Advanced and Basic League is held with a few modifications from the IWRF rules:

- **Team balance points 7**
- **Bonus for female players:** 1.0 for each female player on the court
- **The 40 seconds Goal Clock will NOT be user in Professional, Advanced- and Basic-League.**

We regret that we were unable to implement the Goal Clock in Professional-, Advanced- and Basic-League. We will work hard to implement Goal Clock in these Leagues in Bernd Best Tournament 2011.

- **Adapted playing time**

The playing time will be either 4x8 minutes or 4x6 minutes. The playing time for a specific game is indicated in the game schedule.

Playing Time	Interval at the end of the first period and the third period	Interval at the end of the second period
4 x 8 minutes	2 (two) minutes	5 (five) minutes
4 x 6 minutes	2 (two) minutes	3 (three) minutes

- **Time-out scheme**

Each team has 4 (four) time-outs in 4x8 minute games and has 3 (three) time-outs in 4x6 minute games. Each time-out lasts 30 (thirty) seconds.

There is **no 60 second ("bench") time-out**.

- Tied score: "**Over time with golden Goal**". No additional time out during the "Over time with golden Goal"
- "Over time with golden Goal" Exception is made for the final, 1st/2nd place ranking. In this game overtime is played according to IWRG-Rules.

"Over time with golden Goal":

The Over Time is started with a tip-off in the centre circle. The team that is the first to score its 3rd goal (Golden Goal) during the over time is the winner of the match. There is no additional time out for the overtime. To deal with possible penalties the clock is set to the maximum possible time (e.g. 99 minutes) at the beginning of the overtime. The clock is operated as usual.

7. Technical Aspects

Head Official: Monika Beckmann

Assignment Committee: Monika Beckmann, to be announced

All decisions made by the referees on court are final. The organising committee will not accept further protests.

The organising committee decides urgent changes of the playing schedule:

Organising Committee: Norbert Leisten, Wilfried Klein and Horst Strohkendl.

8. Miscellaneous Information

- Each team receives six-packs of water during the time of the tournament. It can be obtained from the catering desk of your gym.
- All our referees and table official are volunteers. They face a big challenge to support the success of the tournament. To foster the spirits of the tournament please encourage our officials to do a good job.
- We expect many spectators for the finals. Please clear the whole gym area from all unnecessary equipment and rugby wheelchairs. Thank you!
- The teams are kindly requested to stay until the end of the closing ceremony. You support our sport and the intended public recognition. All participants who are present will receive a special tournament gift.

8.1 Closing / award Ceremony

Teams are kindly requested to line up behind the sign showing their name. The Captain is asked to pick up the team's trophy/certificate at the front. Please bring the team sign with you to identify yourself to the presenters and avoid confusion.

9. Tight schedule

Schedule for Bernd Best Tournament 2010 is very tight. To allow a smooth tournament organisation games have to start strictly on time.

Please leave the court area as fast as possible after your game has ended in order to start the next game on time!!!

When necessary the following procedures will be in effect to start games as scheduled:

- Teams have to warm up off-court while the previous game on the assigned court is still running.
- Captain's meeting will take place off-court while the previous game on the assigned court is still running.
- The Tip-off will take place not later than 1 (one) minute after the end of the previous game.