

2008 Men's European Championship in Norway - 17 to 27 January 2008

QUALIFICATION GROUPS

Procedure for the draw of the qualification groups

Date: 19 August 2006 **Time:** 13:00 hrs. **Venue:** Innsbruck (Olympiaworld)

Teams at the final round: 16 teams
Total entries: 39 teams
Qualified for final tournament: 7 teams: **FRA** (defending champion), **ESP**, **DEN**, **CRO**, **GER**, **RUS** (teams 2-6 in EURO SUI '06), and **NOR** (organiser)

Qualified for Play Off (from WCh GER): **SLO**, **ISL**, **UKR**, **POL**, **CZE**, **HUN**

The qualification round will be played in groups among the following teams:

AUT, **BEL**, **BLR**, **BIH**, **BUL**, **CRG**, **CYP**, **EST**, **FIN**, **GEO**, **GRE**, **ISR**, **ITA**, **LAT**, **LTU**, **LUX**, **MDA**, **MKD**, **NED**, **POR**, **ROM**, **SRB**, **SUI**, **SVK**, **SWE**, **TUR**

1. The qualification matches will be played in a total of seven groups, five groups with four teams and two groups with three teams.
2. From those five groups consisting of four teams, the first and second ranked team will qualify for the play off matches (9/10 and 16/17 June 2007).
3. From those two groups consisting of three teams, only the first ranked team will qualify for the play off matches (9/10 and 16/17 June 2007).

DRAW:

4 Teams in pot 1:	SRB, SUI, POR, SVK	(teams SUI '06)
4 Teams in pot 2:	AUT, GRE, ROM, SWE	(PO for GER '07)
5 Teams in pot 3:	BIH, BLR, FIN, LTU, MKD	(2nd in qualification groups)
5 Teams in pot 4:	EST, ISR, LAT, NED, TUR	(3rd in qualification groups)
5 Teams in pot 5:	BEL, BUL, CYP, ITA, LUX	(4th in qualification groups)
3 Teams in pot 6:	GEO, MDA, CRG	no participation

Procedure:

1. draw of the teams of pot 1 into row 1
2. draw of the teams of pot 2 into rows 1 and 2
3. draw of the teams of pot 3 into row 2
4. draw of the teams of pot 4 into rows 2 and 3
5. draw of the teams of pot 5 into rows 3 and 4
5. draw of the teams of pot 6 into row 4

Playing dates for the qualification round:

Round 1/2: 03 to 07 January 2007
Round 3/4: 10 to 14 January 2007
Round 5/6: 17 to 21 January 2007

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4	Group 5	Group 6	Group 7