



Europe Zone 2021

2.8 *MLAIC European Zone Championships Format:*

Due to several problems generated by factors, such as the global Covid-19 pandemic, reduced mobility between the countries, as well as the continuing increase in both the expense and complexity of travel by air with firearms, accordingly, resulting in the impossibility of performing face-to-face European Championships, provision is made for of carrying out so-called Postal Match Championships (to be held by mail) in the European Zone also (similar to the Pacific Zone; see pt. 2.6).

Please note that this **does not** preclude invitational shoulder-to-shoulder matches among nations, including those such as the Grand Prix of Austria, the Grand Prix of Italy or similar matches. Should those competing nations so choose, those scores could be submitted as their Zone Championship scores.

The following rules shall apply:

- a.) The European Zone Championships shall be supervised by a Coordinator to be chosen from qualified applicants by a simple majority of the European Zone's delegates' votes. This selection shall ideally take place at the MLAIC Short Range World Championships in the non-zone year, or electronically immediately afterwards, to allow invitations to be transmitted as early as possible in the zone year. Only in exceptional cases this Coordinator may be appointed by the Secretary General. One of the objectives in the selection will be an administrator who would desire to continue through multiple championships.
- b.) This will allow the Coordinator to prepare and transmit the championship particulars to all nations in order to allow them to set timelines for their internal/national match schedules. The selected match dates shall be returned to the Zone Match Coordinator no less than 30 days prior to the local competition.
- c.) Match fees shall be determined by the European Zone countries every two (2) years and shall comprise an amount per country, plus an entry fee per individual and per team event. This shall be sufficient to cover the costs of awards, printing and mailing expenses and shall be payable at the time of registration.
- d.) Due to the differing range needs and availabilities, the shotgun venues and dates may be different from those used for the precision shooting events.
- e.) MLAIC rules shall apply. No more than sixteen (16) competitors per event from each nation shall be registered (paragraph 2, section 2.3 of the MLAIC rules applies, regarding numbers of original vs reproduction participants per event). Selection of team event members shall be transmitted to the Zone Office no less than 48 hours prior to the scheduled event.
- f.) Scores from each match shall be transmitted to the Zone Office within five (5) days of the completion of the events. Scores shall include the total, along with the number of 10s, 9s, 8s, etc. The local Match Director shall also take digital photos of the top six (6) targets in each entered event and retain both the targets and the photographs for a period of three (3) months



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from the conclusion of the Zone Championships. Shotgun scores need to include a full record for both rounds.

- g.) Ties for rifle and handgun will be resolved according to article 4.6 of the Rules. Ties for shotgun events will be count back from the last round until the tie is resolved.
- h.) After all competing nations have submitted their scores, the Coordinator shall publish a consolidated Zone Championships Results compilation and transmit it to all Zone delegates and to the MLAIC Secretary-General. The final match results should also include details of the makes and calibres of firearms used by all competitors in each event. Additional information, such as bullet type, weight and size, powder type and weight, and type of sights (open or aperture), may be requested by the Coordinator if necessary.
- i.) European Zone records cannot be achieved during European Zone Championships which are performed as Postal Matches.
- j.) Medals and certificates will be awarded as follows:
 - i) Individual competitions: as per paragraph 2.3.b.) i) and ii).
 - ii) Team competitions: as per paragraph 2.3.d.) i) and ii).

2.9 Selection and duties of the European Zone Championships Coordinator

- a.) European Zone delegates are requested to nominate applicants from among their memberships.
- b.) European Zone delegates are requested to review candidates and select one via a simple majority vote.
- c.) As a precaution, the Coordinator will be selected every second year. In years, where a normal (shoulder-to-shoulder) European Championship can take place, the selected Postal Match Coordinator will step back in favour of the organizer of the regular European Championship.
- d.) Candidates should have adequate knowledge of MLAIC Rules with particular regard to match operations.
- e.) Candidates should have demonstrated clerical skills and good references.
- f.) Candidates should express a desire to continue in the position through at least two (2) or more championships.
- g.) The Coordinator shall be reviewed by the delegates following each Zone Championship.
- h.) The Coordinator can be removed from the position by a simple majority vote of all Zone delegates.
- i.) Medal costs (if prescribed), printing and mailing charges are to be covered by match fees.
- k.) Duties of the Championships Coordinator:
 - i) Be responsive to the questions and needs of the Zone delegates or alternates.



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- ii) Set up a Zone Match Program utilizing the MLAIC rules.
- iii) Set up a European Zone Postal Championship Program and schedule each zone year. In so doing, assure that the schedule accommodates seasonal variations in the Northern hemispheres and will allow a reasonable window of opportunity for the matches to be shot.
- iv) Transmit the postal championship information to all member nations by 31 January of the zone year.
- v) Verify that all nations have received the invitations and rules.
- vi) Verify the receipt of all entries.
- vii) Receive individual names for team matches at least 48 hours prior to the event.
- viii) Receive scores from the competing nations.
- ix) Hold the scores unannounced until all competing nations have completed the program.
- x) Receive digital photos of top six (6) targets when necessary to resolve ties.
- xi) Where necessary to break difficult ties, request the assistance of non-involved Zone delegates.
- xii) Mail the medals and/or certificates to the delegates of the winning nations.
- xiii) Decisions of the Zone Championships Coordinator shall be final and without appeal, although it is the prerogative of the Coordinator to consult with the MLAIC Secretary-General if the need arises prior to making a decision.
- xiv) Transmit the results to all Zone member nations and to the MLAIC Secretary General.