EUROPEAN PREMODERN MASTERS

# PLAYER GUIDE & QUALIFICATION RULES

2027 SEASON



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## Governance & Project History

The European Premodern Masters (EPM) was created with a simple but ambitious objective: to bring together the best Premodern players from across Europe in a single annual championship while preserving the community-driven spirit that has allowed the format to flourish in so many different countries.

What began as an idea shared among passionate Premodern organizers has evolved into a coordinated European circuit involving national championships, independent tournament organizers, local communities, and players from across the continent. The project seeks to provide a clear competitive pathway to a prestigious invitational event while maintaining fairness, accessibility, and respect for the identity of each participating community.

The inaugural European Premodern Masters Championship took place in Valencia, Spain, in October 2026, marking the beginning of a long-term effort to establish a sustainable and internationally recognized competitive structure for the Premodern format.

The continued growth of the project is only possible thanks to the dedication and collaboration of numerous organizers, volunteers, judges, content creators, and community leaders throughout Europe. While many individuals have contributed to the development of the EPM, several people have played a particularly significant role in shaping the project and helping transform it from concept to reality.

## Project Leadership & Development

### Baldo Sciacca - Founder



Baldo conceived the original idea for the European Premodern Masters and laid the foundations upon which the project was built. From the earliest stages, he worked closely with Tournament Organizers throughout Europe, helping establish relationships between national communities and promoting a shared vision for a continental championship.

His vision ultimately led to the creation of the first pan-European qualification system for Premodern players.

As Founder, he continues to coordinate with organizers across multiple countries, helping ensure that the project remains aligned with its original objectives while supporting its continued growth and development.

### Vitor Silva – Governance & Operations Lead



Vitor Silva has led a substantial portion of the organizational, governance, and operational development of the European Premodern Masters. His contributions include the creation of policies, regulations, qualification procedures, operational

standards, and administrative frameworks designed to provide consistency and transparency across all participating countries.

Through extensive collaboration with Tournament Organizers and community representatives, he has helped transform the project into a structured and scalable competitive circuit capable of supporting long-term growth.

### Elio – Platform Development Lead



Elio is responsible for the development and evolution of the European Premodern Masters platform. His work focuses on creating the technological infrastructure required to support the qualification circuit, invitation management process, player registration systems, tournament administration tools, and future expansion of the project.

His contributions ensure that the operational needs of organizers and players are supported by a reliable and scalable platform capable of serving an increasingly international community.

### Project Contacts

For matters relating to the European Premodern Masters project, the following contacts may be used according to their respective areas of responsibility.

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## Historical Recognition

### Nacho Barrachina – Key Contributor



Nacho Barrachina played an important role in the early history of the European Premodern Masters as the organizer of its inaugural Championship in Valencia, Spain, in October 2026.

Drawing on his experience within the Spanish Premodern community and his involvement in organizing competitive events, Nacho helped turn the first European Premodern Masters Championship from an ambitious project into a reality.

Although he is no longer involved in the organization of the EPM, his contribution to its first edition remains part of the project's history. The EPM Organization recognizes and appreciates the time, effort, and dedication he brought to making that first championship possible.

# Looking Forward

The European Premodern Masters is not defined by any single community, country, or organizer. It is a project built through the dedication of individuals who share a common goal: bringing together the best Premodern players in Europe while preserving the welcoming, community-driven spirit that makes this format special.

People and responsibilities may change over time, but the contributions of those who helped establish the EPM will always remain part of its history. As the project continues to grow, its success will depend on the collaboration of Tournament Organizers, players, judges, volunteers, and communities throughout Europe.

This document forms part of that commitment, establishing a clear and consistent framework for qualification events and invitations while supporting the long-term development of the European Premodern Masters.

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# 1. What is the European Premodern Masters?

The European Premodern Masters (EPM) is an annual invitational championship bringing together qualified Premodern players from across Europe.

Players earn invitations through official EPM Qualifiers held throughout the qualification season. The championship is open to players of all nationalities and countries of residence.

# 2. How Do I Qualify?

Players earn competitive qualification through Official EPM Qualifiers, including any Last Chance Qualifier organized by the EPM Organization..

For the 2027 season, each participating country may have one Official Country Qualifier, organized by a Tournament Organizer approved by the EPM Organization.

Players register directly with the Tournament Organizer using the registration process established for that event. Following the qualifier, the Tournament Organizer submits the final standings and required player information to the EPM Organization for verification and invitation administration.

Official invitations are issued by the EPM Organization after the required results, player information, and qualifier contribution have been received and verified.

# 3. How the 2027 Qualification Process Works

The 2027 qualification process is administered jointly by the Tournament Organizer and the EPM Organization.

**1. Register for an Official Country Qualifier**

Players register directly with the approved Tournament Organizer using the registration process announced for that event.

**2. Play the Qualifier**

The event must meet the requirements established by the EPM Organization in order to award EPM invitations.

**3. Finish in an Invitation-Earning Position**

The number of invitations available is determined by the verified attendance of the qualifier. Invitations are awarded according to the final standings.

**4. Provide the Required Information**

Players finishing in invitation-earning positions must provide the information required by the EPM Organization for qualification and invitation administration.

**5. EPM Verification**

After the qualifier, the Tournament Organizer submits the final standings and required player information to the EPM Organization. The EPM Organization reviews the submitted information and verifies the qualification results.

**6. Receive Your Invitation**

Once the required information has been verified and the applicable qualifier contribution has been received, the EPM Organization will issue the official invitation to the eligible player using the contact information provided during registration.

**7. Accept and Pay**

The player has fifteen (15) calendar days from the date the invitation is issued to confirm acceptance and pay the applicable EPM Championship entry fee.

**8. Roll-Down**

If the invitation is not accepted within the required period, or the player is otherwise ineligible, the invitation passes to the next eligible player in the final standings.

# 4. How Many Invitations Are Available?

Each country receives:

- Two (2) guaranteed invitations.
- One (1) additional invitation for every ten (10) players beyond the first twenty (20) participants.

A country may receive a maximum of sixteen (16) invitations.

Invitation allocation is based on the verified attendance of the country's Official Country Qualifier. Attendance is determined by the number of players who complete registration and are entered into Round 1. Players who withdraw before Round 1 begins are not counted toward invitation allocation.

For an Official Country Qualifier to award EPM invitations, the event must have at least seventeen (17) players, use at least five (5) Swiss rounds, and include a playoff cut of at least Top 4.

The Tournament Organizer must also provide complete and accurate final standings and the information required by the EPM Organization.

# 5. Who Can Receive an Invitation?

To receive an invitation, a player must:

- Be properly registered for the Official Country Qualifier;
- Meet all applicable registration and eligibility requirements;
- Not be suspended from EPM-sanctioned events;
- Not already hold a confirmed invitation for the same European Premodern Masters Championship; and
- Provide the information required by the EPM Organization for qualification and invitation administration.

Players who finish in an invitation-earning position but have not provided the required information will not receive an official invitation until that information has been provided and verified.

# 6. Publication of Results

Participation in EPM-sanctioned events requires the publication of certain competitive information necessary for the operation of the qualification system.

By registering for an EPM-sanctioned event, players acknowledge that their name, country, tournament results, standings, qualification status, and similar competitive information may be published through official EPM communication channels, event coverage, social media channels, and other official EPM publications.

Such publication is considered an essential part of the administration and transparency of the EPM qualification program.

# 7. Can I Qualify in Another Country?

Yes. Official EPM Qualifiers are open to all players regardless of nationality or country of residence.

Players may compete in qualifiers held anywhere in Europe.

# 8. Duplicate Qualifications

A player may only hold one invitation for a specific EPM Championship.

If a player who already holds a confirmed invitation earns another qualifying position, that qualification slot will be reassigned by the EPM Organization to the next eligible player in the final standings of that qualifier.

The player's original invitation remains valid and unchanged.

# 9. Accepting Your Invitation

Official invitations are issued and administered exclusively by the EPM Organization.

Players receiving an invitation will be contacted using the email address provided during the qualification process.

To accept an invitation, the player must:

- Confirm acceptance through the procedure specified by the EPM Organization; and
- Pay the applicable EPM Championship entry fee of twenty-five euros (€25).

Both requirements must be completed within fifteen (15) calendar days from the date the invitation is issued.

The fifteen (15) calendar day acceptance period shall not extend beyond the deadline established in Section 11 – Invitation Expiration. Where an invitation is issued less than fifteen (15) calendar days before that deadline, the player must complete the acceptance and payment requirements before the deadline.

Failure to complete either requirement within the applicable period will result in automatic forfeiture of the invitation.

Players are responsible for monitoring the email address provided during registration and ensuring that messages from the EPM Organization can be received.

No reminder emails, extensions, or reservation periods are guaranteed.

Invitations are personal and non-transferable. They may not be sold, traded, gifted, assigned to another player, or deferred to a future season.

# 10. Invitation Roll-Down

If an invitation is declined, forfeited, expires, or cannot be awarded because the player is otherwise ineligible, the EPM Organization will offer the invitation to the next eligible player in the final standings of the relevant qualifier.

The replacement player will receive a new fifteen (15) calendar day acceptance period, subject to the deadline established in Section 11. Invitation Expiration.

This process continues until the invitation is accepted or no eligible players remain in the final standings.

# 11. Invitation Expiration

The allocation and acceptance of invitations through Official Country Qualifiers shall close thirty (30) days before the scheduled start date of the European Premodern Masters Championship.

Invitations already confirmed through the applicable acceptance and payment procedure shall remain valid for the corresponding Championship, subject to player eligibility and the EPM regulations.

After this deadline, no additional invitation roll-downs will occur through Official Country Qualifiers, and no new qualification slots may be awarded through those events.

The final list of qualified players will be considered official, subject to any invitations expressly allocated through a Last Chance Qualifier.

# 12. Last Chance Qualifier

A Last Chance Qualifier (LCQ) may be held immediately before the European Premodern Masters Championship.

Any invitations that remain unclaimed after the qualification season may be reassigned to the LCQ at the discretion of the EPM Organization.

The structure, capacity, and qualification awards of the LCQ will be announced separately.

# 13. Card Policy

For the European Premodern Masters Championship:

- Gold-bordered cards originating from World Championship Decks (WCD), International Edition (IE), and Collector's Edition (CE) products are permitted.
- Playtest cards, proxy cards, substitute cards, reproductions, counterfeits, and unofficial reproductions are not permitted.

Qualifier card policies are determined by each Tournament Organizer and may vary between events.

Each Tournament Organizer is responsible for clearly communicating the applicable card legality and proxy policy before registration opens. Players are responsible for reviewing and complying with the policy of the qualifier they choose to enter.

Players are responsible for ensuring that their deck complies with the card policy applicable to the event in which they are participating.

The EPM Organization reserves the right to modify the Championship card policy for future seasons.

### Decklists

Players may be required to submit decklists for the European Premodern Masters Championship or for individual EPM-sanctioned events where required by the event organizer or the EPM Organization.

Where submitted, decklists may be used for deck checks, tournament administration, event coverage, historical records, statistical analysis, and other legitimate EPM-related purposes.

Any publication of decklists will be subject to the applicable event procedures and data protection requirements.

## 14. Player Conduct

The European Premodern Masters is built upon fair competition, mutual respect, and sportsmanship.

Players are expected to conduct themselves in a respectful and professional manner at all EPM-sanctioned events, including qualifiers, the European Premodern Masters Championship, and associated activities.

The following conduct is not permitted:

- Cheating, fraud, bribery, collusion, or falsification of tournament information;
- Harassment, intimidation, discrimination, or abusive behavior toward players, judges, organizers, staff members, spectators, or other participants;
- Offensive, hateful, threatening, or inappropriate language;
- Displaying offensive, discriminatory, hateful, or otherwise inappropriate images, slogans, symbols, clothing, accessories, banners, playmats, sleeves, hats, or similar items;
- Any conduct that may reasonably be considered detrimental to the integrity, reputation, or welcoming environment of the European Premodern Masters program.

Tournament Organizers and the EPM Organization reserve the right to take appropriate action to address unacceptable behavior.

The EPM Organization and Tournament Organizers reserve the right to refuse entry or remove any participant whose conduct is deemed incompatible with the safety, integrity, or proper operation of the event.

Players may not impersonate another person, use another player's account, or provide false registration information.

## 15. Suspensions and Eligibility

Players who are disqualified from an Official Country Qualifier for cheating, fraud, bribery, collusion, falsification of tournament information, unsporting conduct, harassment, or other serious violations of tournament integrity may be subject to review by the EPM Organization.

In addition, players who are suspended, disqualified, or banned by Wizards of the Coast for comparable disciplinary reasons may also be reviewed by the EPM Organization.

Following review, the EPM Organization may suspend a player from participation in EPM-sanctioned events, including future qualifiers and the European Premodern Masters Championship.

Before imposing a suspension following an EPM disciplinary investigation, the EPM Organization shall inform the player of the allegations and provide a reasonable opportunity to respond. Disciplinary

decisions shall be based on the available evidence and the applicable EPM regulations, including the procedures established in Section 19 of this Guide.

Unless otherwise specified, suspensions shall be considered indefinite.

The EPM Organization retains sole authority regarding the review, modification, revocation, or reinstatement of player suspensions.

# 16. Participation of Minors

Players under eighteen (18) years of age are responsible for ensuring that their participation complies with all applicable laws, travel requirements, and parental or legal guardian permissions required in their country of residence and the host country of the event.

The EPM Organization and Tournament Organizers may request proof of age or parental consent where considered necessary.

Participation by a minor does not exempt the player from any obligations contained within these rules.

# 17. Participation Responsibilities

Players are solely responsible for their travel arrangements, accommodation, visas, insurance, and any other expenses associated with participation in EPM-sanctioned events.

Receipt of an invitation does not guarantee financial assistance unless explicitly stated by the EPM Organization.

# 18. Media, Photography and Event Coverage

The European Premodern Masters Championship and its associated qualification events may be photographed, filmed, recorded, streamed, or otherwise covered for media, promotional, historical, and community purposes.

By registering for and participating in an EPM-sanctioned event, players acknowledge that photographs, video recordings, livestream footage, audio recordings, match coverage, and similar media may capture their participation in the event.

Such content may be published, displayed, distributed, or used by the EPM Organization and its authorized partners through websites, social media platforms, streaming services, promotional materials, event reports, historical archives, and other communications relating to the European Premodern Masters program.

Players selected for feature matches, championship coverage, interviews, photography sessions, award ceremonies, or similar event-related activities are expected to cooperate reasonably with event staff and media personnel.

In order to support coverage and promotion of the European Premodern Masters Championship, players finishing in positions designated by the EPM Organization, including Top 16 competitors, are expected to reasonably cooperate with event coverage activities, including photography, player profiles, deck presentations, event reports, questionnaires, standings verification, and similar promotional initiatives. Players who do not wish to participate in optional interviews may decline, provided that they continue to cooperate with official event photography, standings verification, and award ceremonies.

The EPM Organization shall process personal data and media content in accordance with applicable data protection laws, including the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

Players who have concerns regarding media coverage or data protection matters may contact the EPM Organization through the official communication channels published on www.premodernmasters.org.

## 19. Incident Reporting, Investigations & Disciplinary Review

The European Premodern Masters is committed to fair competition and maintaining the integrity of its qualification circuit.

Players, spectators, judges, Tournament Organizers, and other members of the community may report suspected cheating, serious misconduct, or other violations of tournament integrity occurring at Official Country Qualifiers or the European Premodern Masters Championship.

Reports may be submitted to epm@premodern.pt during or after an event, regardless of whether the tournament was livestreamed or recorded.

Whenever possible, reports should include the event, players involved, a description of the suspected conduct, and any relevant supporting information, such as witness statements, tournament records, video recordings, links, or timestamps.

Tournament rulings and disqualifications remain the responsibility of the Head Judge under the applicable tournament rules. Video replay may not be used to assist with rulings during a match except where expressly permitted by those rules.

The EPM Organization may independently investigate reports received after an event, including incidents that were not identified or reported during the tournament.

A suspected rules violation does not automatically constitute cheating. Any disciplinary decision must be based on an assessment of the available evidence and the circumstances of the incident.

Where an investigation establishes grounds for disciplinary action under the EPM regulations, a player may be suspended from future EPM-sanctioned events, even if no disqualification was issued during the original tournament.

Before a suspension is imposed, the player concerned shall be informed of the allegations and given a reasonable opportunity to respond and provide supporting information.

An EPM disciplinary suspension does not automatically reopen completed matches or change tournament standings, results, or prizes. Any changes to qualification status or invitations must follow the applicable EPM regulations.

Further procedures are established in Section 10. Incident Reporting, Investigations & Disciplinary Review of the European Premodern Masters Qualifier Regulations – Season 2027.

## 20. Privacy & Data Collection

The EPM Organization and Tournament Organizers may collect and process personal information necessary to administer EPM-sanctioned events and the European Premodern Masters qualification program.

This information may include a player's name, nationality, age, country of residence, email address, tournament results, qualification status, and other information reasonably required for event administration and invitation management.

Tournament Organizers are responsible for collecting and transmitting the information required for qualification and invitation administration to the EPM Organization through the official reporting process.

Personal information will be processed in accordance with applicable data protection laws, including the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

Information required for the administration of qualification and invitations may be retained for as long as reasonably necessary to maintain accurate qualification records and the historical record of the EPM program.

Additional information voluntarily provided for player profiles, interviews, promotional materials, or similar activities may be subject to separate consent or another appropriate legal basis where required by applicable law.

Players may exercise applicable data protection rights by contacting the EPM Organization through the official EPM communication channel. Such requests will be handled in accordance with applicable law.

# 21. Rules Updates

The EPM Organization reserves the right to update, modify, clarify, or amend these rules when necessary to ensure the fair and effective operation of the European Premodern Masters program.

Any material changes shall be published through official EPM communication channels.

Tournament rulings, standings corrections, invitation allocations, and operational decisions made by the EPM Organization are final.

The EPM Organization reserves the right to correct administrative, technical, platform, registration, payment, invitation, or standings errors when identified.

# 22. Force Majeure

The EPM Organization reserves the right to modify schedules, venues, event structures, or operational procedures where circumstances beyond its reasonable control make such changes necessary.

# 23. Additional Information

Official information about the European Premodern Masters, the qualification program, and the championship is available through:

www.premodernmasters.org

Registration details, event schedules, venue information, card policies, and player questions relating to a specific qualifier should be directed to the Tournament Organizer using the public contact information provided in the official qualifier announcement.

Questions regarding qualification, invitations, or matters administered directly by the EPM Organization may be directed to the official EPM communication channel.