



# ETPC Eurocup Series

- A Vision for the Future
- Changes to the contract for the 2018 season

# A Vision of the Eurocup System in the Future



- Evoke an aspiration to compete in the series – ‘The best of the best’ from Europe competing in the Eurocup
- The series if possible should not to be mixed up with any National competitions
- Higher profile to instigate potential for series sponsorship and more media exposure
- Move to fixed weekends only to allow National organisations to have good visibility for their own calendars (7 over the season – see calendar slide)
- Objective to run a minimum of 5 rounds per class maximum 6 rounds
- Expand the Eurocup to include Farm Stock and other classes for the future (e.g. Limited Modified, Light Superstock)
- Fix the budgets more clearly for promoters before signing up to the Eurocup
- Fixed payment systems for all registered teams attending
- Season pay-out according to final ranking in the series – finishing position
- Move towards electronic payment, large sums of cash getting more difficult to access and the costs are high from banks, also financial security at the event – pre payment element
- Teams should sign up for the series, not just for their home events!



# ETPC Yearly Calendar

## ETPC FIXED WEEKENDS

END OF WEEK	EVENT	2017	2018	2019	2020
18		May 6-7th	May 5-6th	May 4-5th	May 3rd-4th
19		May 13-14th	May 12-13th	May 11-12th	May 10-11th
20	LIDKOPING, SWEDEN	(19th Friday) May 20th-21st	May 19-20th	May 18-19th	May 17-18th
21		May 27-28th	May 26-27th	May 25-26th	May 24-25th
22	BERNAY, FRANCE	June 3rd-4th	June 2nd-3rd	June 1st-2nd	May 31st-June 1st
23		June 10-11th	June 9-10th	June 8-9th	June 7-8th
24	MADE, NETHERLANDS	June 17-18th	June 16-17th	June 15-16th	Jun14-15th
25		June 24-25th	June 23rd-24th	June 22nd-23rd	June 21st-22nd
26		July 1st-2nd	June 30th-July 1st	June 29-30th	June 28-29th
27	PUTTEN, NETHERLANDS	July 8-9th	July 7-8th	July 6-7th	July 5-6th
28		July 15-16th	July 14-15th	July 13-14th	July 12-13th
29		July 22nd-23rd	July 21st-22nd	July 20th-21st	July 19-20th
30	BRANDE, DENMARK	July 29-30th	July 28-29th	July 27-28th	July 26-27th
31		August 5-6th	August 4-5th	August 3rd-4th	August 2nd-3rd
32	HUNGARY	August 12-13th	August 11-12th	August 10-11th	August 9-10th
33		August 19-20th	August 18-19th	August 17-18th	August 16-17th
34	GT.ECCLESTON, UK	August 26-27th	August 25-26th	August 24-25th	August 23rd-24th
35		September 2nd-3rd	September 1st-2nd	Aug 31st-September 1st	August 30th-31st
36	EC	September 8-9th	September 7-8th	September 6-7th	September 5-6th
37		September 16-17th	September 15-16th	September 14-15th	September 13-14th
38		September 23rd-24th	September 22nd-23rd	September 21st-22nd	September 20th-21st
39		September 30th-Oct 1st	September 29-30th	September 28-29th	September 27-28th

EUROCUP WEEKENDS

EC WEEKEND

OPTIONAL WEEKEND

Provisional dates 2019 onwards

# Final Calendar 2018



## EUROCUP CALENDAR 2018

Date 28.12.2017

DATE	DAY	CLASSES	LOCATION	MM	LM	HM	PS	SS	COMMENTS
April 28-29th	SUNDAY	1 Class	Fuchtorf, Germany			YES			
May 5-6th									
May 12-13th									
May 19th	SATURDAY	2 Classes	Lidköping, Sweden		YES			YES	
May 26-27th									
June 2nd	SATURDAY	3 Classes	Bernay, France		YES	YES		YES	
June 9-10th									
June 16th	SATURDAY	5 Classes	Made, Netherlands	YES				YES	
June 17th	SUNDAY				YES	YES	YES		
June 23rd-24th									
June 30th-July 1st									
July 7-8th									
July 14th	SATURDAY	3 Classes	Putten, Netherlands	YES	YES		YES		
July 21st-22nd									
July 28th	SATURDAY	5 Classes	Brande, Denmark	YES	YES			YES	
July 29th	SUNDAY						YES	YES	
August 4-5th									
August 11th	SATURDAY	2 Classes	Hajdúböszörmény, Hungary	YES					
August 12th	SUNDAY							YES	
August 18-19th									
August 25-26th	SATURDAY	3 Classes	Great Eccleston, GB			YES	YES		
August 25-26th	SUNDAY					YES			
September 1st-2nd	EC2018	All classes	Ekerod, Sweden						
September 7-8th									
September 15-16th									
September 22nd-23rd									
September 29-30th									
Total Classes				4	6	5	5	4	

EUROCUP WEEKENDS
OPTIONAL WEEKEND

# Changes for 2018 Season



- Increase in registration fee for 2018, 'bonus money' element now designated as registration fee separate to administration fee , clarity on no direct team registrations – all via National Organisation
- 1.3.1 Registration fee for pullers
  - The ETPC must receive registration forms by February 1<sup>st</sup> 2018 latest [etpc-db@tractorpulling.com](mailto:etpc-db@tractorpulling.com) and only from the National Organisation of the puller
    - **NO direct registrations from teams accepted**
- 1.3.2 Registration fee for pullers
  - Eurocup pullers pay a registration fee of **€2,250** per tractor (**MM 50% rate on refund money = registration fee of €1,250**), per year; This amount will be invoiced to and has to be paid by the National Organisations (ETPC Members) and consists of **€150** for administration, **€100** registration and **€2,000 (MM €1,000)** refund money
  - Cancellation of registration after February 1<sup>st</sup>, but before April 1<sup>st</sup> 2018; ETPC charges **€150** administration fee to the National organisation (ETPC Member)
  - Cancellation of registration on April 1<sup>st</sup> 2018 or later; ETPC charges the full amount of **€2,250 (MM €1,250)** registration fee to the National Organisation (ETPC Member)

# Changes for 2018 Season



- How the refund money and full year 'Bonus Pot' is calculated according to attendance and own country events
- 1.3.3 Condition for first refund to pullers
  - When a tractor runs only at one (1) event or only at events in their own country
    - (a) The tractor will not be allowed to register for the Eurocup Series for the next season
    - (b) The tractor will not be eligible for any refund money or any pay-out from the final 'Bonus Pot' allocation (see section 1.4.5 later)
  - No. of missed events % of refund money paid back
    - 0 100
    - 1 50
    - 2 0
- 1.3.4 Condition for extra refund to pullers
  - Any tractor missing 2 or more events is not eligible for any extra refund amounts

# Changes for 2018 Season



- Eurocup classes should if possible not be mixed up with National competitions
  - Better focus for series/event sponsors on Eurocup classes
  - Clearer ability to plan the programme schedules
  - If combined then a very clearly separated winners presentation for each class
- 1.3.5 Running Order in class
  - Wherever possible a Eurocup class should be promoted as this and no National competition should be run in combination with it
  - In a mixed class of Eurocup and National tractors the following procedure must be followed:
    - Eurocup registered tractors pull first, after that the non Eurocup registered tractors
    - Separate podium presentations must be held with the Eurocup first and then any National competition afterwards – both with their own trophies

# Changes for 2018 Season



- Eurocup classes qualification and finals, clearer understanding of procedure
- 1.3.6 Eurocup class qualification and finals procedure
  - Every tractor has only one (1) start attempt to qualify for the finals
  - Qualification runs will be made over the normal 100m track length to gain a Full Pull (FP) and qualify for the final unless the track is agreed to be run over the shorter distance of 90m due to track or weather constraints
  - Finals will be run using a 110m FP floating finish system (100m if using a 90m length track) and should more than one tractor obtain a second FP the option of a 'Super Final' may be agreed depending on programme timing and track limits – the ETPC track jury's decision is final on this



# Changes for 2018 Season



- 1.4.1 Subscription by Promoter
  - Subscription for Eurocup events/classes by the promoter deadline extended to 1<sup>st</sup> December 2017 for season 2018 only
  - Calendar to be issued by 14<sup>th</sup> December for the following season if possible but latest 1<sup>st</sup> January of that season
- 1.4.2 Administration costs aligned to €150 for all adjustments, reminders and fines
- ~~1.4.3~~ Bonus money element from the promoter removed
- 1.4.3 Payment schedule updated – more by invoice before the event less in cash at events

# Changes for 2018 Season



- 1.4.3 Schedule of payments by the promoter
  - Payment schedule updated – more by invoice before the event less in cash at events
  - Changes in red below

Payment by promoter of:	According to	Date of payment
Registration fee to the ETPC	ETPC invoice	Minimum 21 days before event*
Expenses for ETPC Crew	ETPC invoice	Minimum 21 days before event*
'Bonus Pot' money per class	ETPC invoice	50% Minimum 7 days before event, Balance Maximum 7 days after event*
Prize Money to the pullers (competitors)	Schedule in this contract	At the event in cash (Euros), no cheques permitted!
Expenses ferries, bridges, tunnels to the pullers (competitors)	Schedule in this contract	At the event in cash (Euros), no cheques permitted!

- \* Date cleared funds must be deposited in the ETPC bank account, failure to fulfil this criteria may endanger the running of the event. ETPC reserve the right to cancel due to non-payment

# Changes for 2018 Season



- New system with smaller amounts of prize money at each event plus a 'Bonus Pot' that accumulates over the season for a final pay out according to finishing position 1-12 over the full series
  - LM 'Bonus Pot' aligned with PS/SS class as considered at same level
- 1.4.5 Prize and 'Bonus Pot' money for the pullers
  - Prize money paid by the promoter at the event in cash is as follows
    - Each registered Eurocup tractor finishing the event in the results positions 1-12 will receive **€400 (MM €200)**
    - Each registered Eurocup tractor finishing the event in the results positions 13-15 will receive **€200 (MM €100)**

# Changes for 2018 Season



- Prize money & 'Bonus Pot' cont'd
- The 'Bonus Pot' money per class payable over the top 12 positions is as follows:
  - **MM** **€5,120**
  - **LM/PS/SS** **€9,900**
  - **HM** **€12,500**
  - 'Bonus Pot' money is paid directly to the ETPC via invoice, not at the event
  - Note: should there be less than 12 competitors registered in the class then the 'Bonus Pot' is reduced according to the amounts laid out for the positions not taken
- The 'Bonus Pot' money will accumulate over the season according to the number of events per class and the total amount will be divided over the top 12 finishing positions at the end of the competition according to the same amounts applicable per event

# Changes for 2018 Season



- Prize & 'Bonus Pot' cont'd
  - Bonus Pot allocation per event/per class

Bonus Pot Allocation	SS / PS / LM	HM	MM
1 <sup>st</sup>	€ 1,350,-	€ 1,700,-	€ 760,-
2 <sup>nd</sup>	€ 1,200,-	€ 1,500,-	€ 610,-
3 <sup>rd</sup>	€ 1,150,-	€ 1,350,-	€ 560,-
4 <sup>th</sup>	€ 900,-	€ 1,200,-	€ 510,-
5 <sup>th</sup>	€ 850,-	€ 1,100,-	€ 460,-
6 <sup>th</sup>	€ 800,-	€ 1,000,-	€ 410,-
7 <sup>th</sup>	€ 750,-	€ 900,-	€ 360,-
8 <sup>th</sup>	€ 700,-	€ 850,-	€ 360,-
9 <sup>th</sup>	€ 650,-	€ 800,-	€ 310,-
10 <sup>th</sup>	€ 600,-	€ 750,-	€ 310,-
11 <sup>th</sup>	€ 550,-	€ 700,-	€ 260,-
12 <sup>th</sup>	€ 500,-	€ 650,-	€ 210,-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>€ 9,900,-</b>	<b>€ 12,500,-</b>	<b>€ 5,120,-</b>

# Changes for 2018 Season



- Prize money & 'Bonus Pot' cont'd
- Once the registration window is closed and the final number of tractors are known per class the overall 'Bonus Pot' pay-out applicable for that class for that season will be sent to all registered teams
  - ETPC will include the 'Bonus Pot' amounts in the pay-out overview along with all refund money amounts after the completion of the season
- Any tractor finishing the complete season in the top 12 positions that should be eligible for a pay-out from the 'Bonus Pot' fund but has missed 2 events in the season will not receive any 'Bonus Pot' money – in the same way that they will not receive any refund money pay-out (see sections 1.3.3 & 1.3.4)
  - This team will be removed from the pay-out overview and the team finishing in 13th place (providing they are eligible) will then be promoted to receive the pay-out. This procedure can be repeated as many times as required until no more eligible teams are left
  - Should there be no more eligible teams left to receive this 'Bonus Pot' money then the balance left in the 'Bonus Pot' will be split equally over the other eligible teams finishing in the pay-out positions

# Changes for 2018 Season



- Prize money & 'Bonus Pot' cont'd
- The maximum total budget per class per event for Prize and 'Bonus Pot' money is:
  - **MM** **€7,820**
  - **LM/PS/SS** **€15,300**
  - **HM** **€17,900**
  - Less than 15 tractors registered/attending will reduce these maximum amounts accordingly per class
  - The 'Bonus Pot' per class will be reduced if less than 12 tractors register accordingly down to the amount applicable for the number of registrations E.g. if only 10 registrations then the 'Bonus Pot' is only the total of the allocation amount in the table from 1-10, not down to position 12
  - Note: contributions for ferries, bridges and tunnels are in addition to the above amounts per class
  - ETPC will provide a 'gross' budget overview for each promoter before the season

# Changes for 2018 Season



- Qualification for the European Championships changed – 3 only, allow better balance to National tractors as requested by members
- 1.6 Qualification for European Championship(EC) through the Eurocup system
- The top 3 Eurocup tractors in each class will be invited to the EC via the Eurocup system, providing
  - The class has three events on the agenda before the EC date
  - If the final series result is not known 7 days before the date of the EC then the top 3 competitors at that time will be invited to attend the EC
  - Should any of the top 3 tractors not be able to attend the EC the invitation will go to the next eligible tractor in the overall points standing list
  - If any of the top 3 tractors is the defending European Champion, who is already automatically invited to the EC that year, then the next eligible tractor in the points standing list will be invited
  - Maximum number attending EC via Eurocup qualification is 3 per class
- The top 3 Eurocup tractors according to the above criteria are automatically invited to the EC that year irrespective of their National competition standing