

## 1. Summary

The IFPA AUSTRIAN CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES is an annual flipper competition where the qualification is done over a whole calendar year (from 1st Jan till 31st Dec). All results of the IFPA recognized tournaments which are held in Austria are considered for the qualification of the IFPA AUSTRIAN CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES FINAL. At the beginning of the next calendar year the Final will be played by the 16 best players from the qualification and the champion is nominated. You can find the detail rules below.

## 2. Competition Details

### 2.1. Qualification

Unlike most tournaments in which the qualification takes place at one venue over one or more days, the results of all approved and recognized IFPA tournaments which has been performed in Austria during the current calendar year will be added together for the qualification of the IFPA AUSTRIAN CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES.

The top 32 of the qualification are entitled for the finale in the following calendar year.

It is the player's responsibility to make sure they have an email address on file with the IFPA ([www.ifpapunball.com](http://www.ifpapunball.com)), or they run the risk of not being contacted for participation in the IFPA AUSTRIAN CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES FINAL, if they are qualified for. Please fill out an IFPA profile to ensure that we have a way to contact you. If you see a green check within your profile information on your IFPA profile page, this means that we do have a registered email address from you. If you are qualified but you cannot be contacted or you do not want to participate, then the next ranked players will be contacted latest 2 weeks prior the tournament and they will be informed that they could participate instead of you.

Everybody which is qualified for the tournament could participate (no limitation based on the nationality)

The slot for the IFPA European Championship Series is reserved for the best player in the Final, who is listed in the WPPR for Austria without being direct qualified for the ECS Finals.

### 2.2. Tournament location

The date and venue for the IFPA AUSTRIAN CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES final is given as soon as possible by the Austrian IFPA Country Directors. The aim is to publish the data till the end of the current calendar year.

The final tournament should be held if possible in the first quarter (1st Jan till 31st March) of the following year (for example, in Feb 2015 for IFPA AUSTRIAN CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES 2014).

### 2.3. Fees

The entry fee for the IFPA AUSTRIAN CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES FINAL is 25 € per participant and 10€ goes entirely into the prize pool (trophies, certificate, etc.). A possibly remaining money from the price pool will be donated to the Union – Flipper Sportverein Austria (ZVR-Zahl 171882200).

### 2.4. Prizes

The IFPA AUSTRIAN PINBALL CHAMPION as well as the second and third place will receive a trophy courtesy of the IFPA and a certificate. Additionally non-cash prizes for the first three placed and possibly more will be awarded as well.

## 3. Finals Format

### 1<sup>st</sup> Round

All players will be parted into 2 groups of 16 players. In group 1 are the best 32 players with an odd position (1, 3, 5, 7 and so on). The other group will consist of players with an even position (2, 4, 6, 8, 10 and so on). Every player plays against each other one time on an approved machine (You will find a whole schedule for the tournament).

The 4 best players of each group will progress to the next round. If two or more players have the same points (wins), a playoff will follow (one player game on one pinball machine, highest score(s) win(s)). The playoff machine will be chosen by the tournament director.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Round

Second round will be played as single elimination in best-of-3 mode. The pairings are: 1st group 1 vs 4th group 2; 2nd group 1 vs 3rd group 2; 3rd group 1 vs 2nd group 2 and 4th group 1 vs 1st group 2. The higher ranked player chooses the first and (if necessary) third machine and has to start the match. The other player chooses the second table and has to start the game.

The winners of the semifinal will progress to the final round. The losers play a single game on one machine for places 5 to 8.

The machine for the loser's game will be chosen by the tournament director. The order of the players will be drawn.

### 3rd Round – Final

The final round will be played with 4 players on 3 pinball machines (Papa Style). Points as follows:

1. 4 points
2. 2 points
3. 1 point
4. 0 points

After the three games we have the winner of the IFPA German Championship Series. If there is a tie, a decision game follows on one machine.

The final machines will be selected by the Tournament Director, Country Director or a selected referee after the first round.

For the final round (not for the game rank 5 to 8) each player will have the opportunity for 30 seconds of practice time before starting every game of every match. This is to ensure that all players have a chance to get familiar with the machine.

### 3.3. Winner

The winner gets the title IFPA AUSTRIAN CHAMPION and this title remains valid till the next annual IFPA AUSTRIAN CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES FINAL or it will expire after two years if the IFPA AUSTRIAN CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES is discontinued.

The slot for the IFPA European Championship Series is reserved for the best player in the Final, who is listed in the WPPR for Austria without being direct qualified for the ECS Finals.

All decisions of the tournament officials regarding winners and prizes are final.

## 4. Rulings and Malfunctions

All rules and error are based on the IFPA Pinball World Championships rules. You can find it here from section V. Please ignore all the sections before, as they are related to the World Championship format.

## 5. General

### 5.1 Tournament Director and Tournament Officials:

The Tournament Director and Tournament Officials will be announced by the Austrian IFPA Country Director, prior the tournament.

### 5.2 Contact for inquiries:

The Austrian IFPA Country Director could be contacted via the following e-mail address for inquiries:

[ifpa@flipper-sv.at](mailto:ifpa@flipper-sv.at)