## The countdown to the 35<sup>th</sup> European Squash Club Championships is underway

The European Squash Club Championship see squash clubs from across Europe competing each year. Hosted across a variety of European countries over the years, this year, Roehampton Club in southwest London, is looking forward to welcoming Europe's best squash players.

Squash has been played at Roehampton Club for over 100 years and in that time the Club has hosted many events such as the Bath Cup, Queen's Cup and University Challenge Cup.

In 2022, returning after Covid, Italy had the honour of hosting the European Club Championship on the scenic coast of Riccione. The event captivated spectators with thrilling and intense matches. In the women's final, Roehampton Club outclassed the French team from Mulhouse, while in the men's final, Germany's Paderborn Club secured a hard-fought victory against Mulhouse's men's team. The competition spanned four days, showcasing top-tier squash and rekindling the excitement of the championship.

In 2023, the tournament was held in Paderborn, Germany, a city renowned for its historical significance and stunning architecture. The Roehampton Club women's team secured a spectacular 2-0 victory over Frankfurt, while in the men's final, the defending champions from Paderborn decisively defeated the Roehampton Club men's team with a 3-0 sweep, claiming their stunning victory.

The 35th Championship will see 18 teams competing from 11 countries, including the host nation plus Austria, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Germany, Ireland, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Portugal, Scotland, and Spain will all battle it out for the coveted trophy.

Championship Director Paul Lindsay, Roehampton Club's Racquets Manager, said: 'We all look forward to welcoming the teams, players, officials, and guests to London for the 35th ECC. We are collaborating closely with the European Squash Federation and England Squash to ensure everyone experiences several action-packed days of squash and enjoys our fabulous facilities at Roehampton Club. It's free and everyone is welcome to come and watch, so please stop by to cheer on the players.'

The defending champions, Paderborn SC, will begin their campaign as they square up to Edinburgh Sports Club in the men's team Group A at 10.00 AM (BST) on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September. The women's group stage matches kick off on the same day, with last year's winners Roehampton Club stepping out on court at 17.00 and looking to be triumphant in the winning the championship for a third consecutive year.



