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The European Gold Cup was over its entire period from 1977-2007 owned in three different ways: By the company AMF 1977-1984, by a Gold Cup Committee consisting of Addie Ophelders, Bernard Gibbons and Jock Caie 1985-1993 and by the European Tenpin Bowling Federation 1994-2007.

Each annual edition of the championships was awarded to a host, which organized the event in co-operation with AMF's Officials, the Gold Cup Committee or ETBF's Officials, depending of the year of conduction of the specific EGC.

The EGC was a handicap event, meaning that a number of pins were added to each game played; in the beginning of each event based on a calculation of national averages, later in each event based on an average of the first games played in the event.

No age limitation existed for the EGC in the beginning of its existence, while the athletes in most of the period, where it was owned by ETBF, had to be minimum 16 years of age in the season, where the event took place.

The first edition of the European Gold Cup was conducted in 1970 in Antwerp, Belgium with 10 female and 10 male athletes from 10 different federations taking part.

Each EGC included a singles competition for women and a singles competition for men since the beginning in 1977, while a mix doubles competition was added in 1986.

The ETBF Congress decided in 2005 that the last issue of the EGC would be conducted in 2007. The main reason for the decision was that it became more and more complicated to compare the averages of the athletes, due to a number of different calculation systems in the national federations.

We have not been able to find list of results from a number of the early issues of the EGC. For the same reason there are a few holes in the list of medallists presented at ETBF's website.