



# **ETTU**

## **CONSTITUTION**

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## A.0. DEFINITION OF TERMS

### A.0.1. ETTU

A.0.1.1 '**ETTU**' means 'the European Table Tennis Union', set up on 13<sup>th</sup> March 1957 in order to group, as the table tennis head body in Europe, the National Table Tennis Associations ('NTTA') from the countries and territories of Europe.

### A.0.2. ITTF

A.0.2.1 '**ITTF**' means 'the International Table Tennis Federation', set up in London in December 1926<sup>(\*)</sup> in order to group, as the world table tennis head body, the National Table Tennis Associations from countries and territories all over the world.

<sup>(\*)</sup> in 2000, ITTF has been incorporated as a non-profit-making organisation in Switzerland and in Canada

### A.0.3. GENERIC TERMS

A.0.3.1 Whenever used in the ETTU Constitution or in the ETTU Regulations or in other ETTU documents, the generic terms written with a CAPITAL heading letter and in *ITALIC* font, such as [*Constitution*], [*Member Association*], [*Objects*], [*Seat*], [*Congress*], [*Meeting*], [*Executive Board*], [*President*], [*Deputy-President*], [*Vice-President*], [*General Secretary*], [*Budget*], [*Accounts*], etc., are to be considered as relating directly to ETTU and shall consequently read as 'Constitution of ETTU', 'Member Association of ETTU', 'Object of ETTU', etc..

A.0.3.2 The word *Event* stands for a table tennis competition sanctioned by ETTU or being under its jurisdiction.

### A.0.4. EQUAL STATUS OF WOMEN AND MEN

A.0.4.1 Whenever used in the ETTU Constitution or in the ETTU Regulations or in other ETTU documents, the masculine form (used in terms like 'person', 'player', 'Chairperson', 'Officer', 'Official', 'delegate', 'candidate', etc.) shall be considered as to refer also to the feminine gender, unless explicitly stated otherwise.

### A.0.5. NUMBER OF VOTES

A.0.5.1 At a Meeting, the number of votes recorded is the number of *Member Associations* or persons 'eligible to vote' present or represented (= recorded) at the relating Meeting roll call.

A.0.5.2 At a voting process, the number of votes cast is the total number of ballot papers - out from those that eventually have officially been issued for that voting - collected at the voting process concerned, independently of the validity or voidness of these ballot papers.

A.0.5.3 For a voting process, the number of valid votes cast is the total number of valid ballot papers collected at the voting process concerned, i.e. the total number of ballot papers collected less the invalid ballot papers and less the blank ballot papers (= abstentions), which shall be considered as void votes.

### A.0.6. THE LAW

A.0.6.1 '**The LAW**' means the Luxembourg law of 21<sup>st</sup> April 1928, as amended afterwards, concerning the non-profit-making associations and the foundations.

### A.0.7. THE GENERAL REGULATION ('REGULATION [B]')

A.0.7.1 **The General Regulation** (also called 'Regulation [B]') is the *Regulation* specifying detailed and complementary provisions for the implementation and for the practical application of the *Constitution*.

## **A.1. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

### **A.1.1. LEGAL FORM**

A.1.1.1 ETTU is incorporated in Luxembourg as a non-profit-making Association, according to the provisions of the Luxembourg law of 21<sup>st</sup> April 1928 concerning the non-profit-making associations and the foundations.

### **A.1.2. SEAT AND HEADQUARTERS**

A.1.2.1 The *Seat* and the *Headquarters* (i.e. the *Office*) are settled in Wasserbillig (Grand Duchy of Luxembourg), in the 'Résidence Casablanca'.

### **A.1.3. AUTHORITY AND NEUTRALITY**

A.1.3.1 ETTU is the 'Continental Table Tennis Federation for Europe', being recognised as such by ITTF and thus having the sole and whole authority in Europe, in general, and in the territories of the *Member Associations*, in particular, for all matters related to table tennis on the European level.

A.1.3.2 Pursuant to the authority recognised to it for Europe by ITTF, ETTU has the sole and whole jurisdiction over organising a table tennis event using the denomination or title 'European', 'Europe', 'Euro' or similar, or authorising the organisation of such an event.

A.1.3.3 ETTU shall be and remain entirely neutral and act in a spirit of peace, understanding and fair-play, without any discrimination as to politics, gender, religion or race.

### **A.1.4. OBJECTS**

A.1.4.1 The *Objects* are:

- a) to deal with all matters relating to table tennis on the European level;
- b) to develop and promote table tennis in the territories controlled by the *Member Associations*;
- c) to safeguard the overall interests of the *Member Associations* and to promote unity among them;
- d) to maintain contact and co-operation with ITTF and with the other Continental Table Tennis Confederations;
- e) to guarantee the respect of the table tennis laws as well as the upholding of the principles, rules and policies of ITTF in the territories controlled by the *Member Associations*;
- f) to organise and conduct 'European' table tennis events (competitions, tournaments, etc.) and to authorise the organisation of such events;
- g) to apply the doping regulations as defined by the 'World Anti-Doping Agency' ('**WADA**');
- h) to disseminate information on the European table tennis;
- i) to affiliate to European sports organisations and/or bodies aiming at the same objectives as ETTU and to take part in the activities of these organisations and/or bodies.

### **A.1.5. DURATION**

A.1.5.1 The duration of ETTU is unlimited.

### **A.1.6. LANGUAGE**

A.1.6.1 The official language of ETTU is English.

**A.1.7. COLOURS, BADGE AND LOGO**

A.1.7.1 The ETTU colours are blue and gold.

A.1.7.2 The ETTU badge is a table tennis bat showing a map of Europe, with the letters ETTU on the handle.

A.1.7.3 The ETTU logo has three stylised table tennis rackets with the letters ETTU.

## A.2. MEMBERSHIP

### A.2.1. CONDITIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

A.2.1.1 *Membership* is open to any National Table Tennis Association ('NTTA') that:

- a) is officially recognised and responsible in its country or territory for the organisation and implementation of all matters related to table tennis;
- b) has already become a member of ITTF;
- c) has its home country or territory capital located within the geographical area of Europe.

A.2.1.2 In exceptional circumstances, *Membership* may be opened to an NTTA that fulfils the provisions a) and b) of § A.2.1.1 but that has its home country or territory capital located outside the geographical area of Europe, provided the Association concerned:

- a) is not, not yet or no more a member of another Continental Table Tennis Confederation;
- b) has its application for *Membership* supported by ITTF and by the Continental Table Tennis Confederation to which it should normally belong according to the geographic situation of its home country or territory capital.

### A.2.2. NUMBER OF MEMBERS

A.2.2.1 The number of *Member Associations* shall not be less than three.

A.2.2.2 An updated list with the *Member Associations* shall be published at least once a year.

### A.2.3. ADMISSION OF MEMBERS

A.2.3.1 To become a *Member Association*, an interested NTTA shall submit to ETTU a written application for *Membership*.

A.2.3.2 The admission of a NTTA to *Membership* may be decided exclusively by the *Congress*, at its discretion, as follows:

- with the majority of the votes recorded, in the conditions of § A.2.1.1;
- with the two-thirds majority of the votes recorded, in the conditions of § A.2.1.2.

### A.2.4. RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERS

A.2.4.1 A *Member Association* may benefit from all the rights granted to it by the *Constitution* and *Regulations* and by the decisions made under them. In particular, a *Member Association* has the right to enter its representative team(s) as well as the players and the club teams affiliated to it into the *Events*, according to the relating applicable *Regulations*.

A.2.4.2 A *Member Association* shall:

- a) comply with the *Constitution* and *Regulations* and with the decisions made under them;
- b) comply with the table tennis laws issued through ITTF;
- c) observe the principles of integrity, sportsmanship and fair-play and ensure that also its officials and the players and clubs affiliated to it shall observe these principles;
- d) provide for the free election of its executive and juridical bodies.

A.2.4.3 A *Member Association* shall include the obligations mentioned in § A.2.4.2 in its own statutes too, together with a provision that its officials as well as the players and clubs affiliated to it shall also comply with these obligations.

A.2.4.4 A *Member Association* shall be liable towards ETTU for all the financial commitments of the players and clubs affiliated to it or being otherwise under its authority.

A.2.4.5 A *Member Association* having withdrawn or having been excluded from *Membership* has no longer any rights on the *Assets* nor may it claim any refund of paid fees or subscriptions.

#### **A.2.5. WITHDRAWAL FROM MEMBERSHIP**

A.2.5.1 A *Member Association* may, upon its own initiative, withdraw from *Membership* at the end of a year, by giving ETTU a minimum of six months written notice.

A.2.5.2 If a *Member Association* is dissolved, its *Membership* shall automatically be considered as terminated from the date of its dissolution.

#### **A.2.6. SUSPENSION AND EXCLUSION OF MEMBERS**

A.2.6.1 A *Member Association* may be suspended or excluded from *Membership* if it has either:

- not respected or seriously breached the commitments and clauses of the *Constitution* or *Regulations* or of decisions made under them;
- acted against the *Objects* or the interests of ETTU;
- failed to settle its financial obligations towards ETTU;
- lost its status as a recognised and representative National Table Tennis Association.

A.2.6.2 In particular, a *Member Association*, who did not settle its financial obligations towards ETTU:

- may - after the prescribed date - be suspended in part or in all of its rights;
- may - three years after the prescribed date - automatically be considered as excluded from *Membership*.

A.2.6.3 The suspension of a *Member Association*, including eventually the restriction of its rights, may be decided by the *Executive Board*, with the majority of the votes recorded.

Any such suspension decided upon by the *Executive Board* shall be submitted for consideration to the *Congress* at its next following Meeting and it shall be continued after that Meeting only if it is confirmed and endorsed by the *Congress*, with the majority of the votes recorded.

A.2.6.4 The exclusion of a *Member Association* from *Membership* may be decided exclusively by the *Congress*, at a *Congress Meeting*, with the three-quarters majority of the votes recorded, provided the accused *Member Association* has been given the right to be heard at a *Congress Meeting*.

#### **A.2.7. HONORARY MEMBERS AND BADGE OF HONOUR**

A.2.7.1 Upon the relating recommendation of the *Executive Board*, the *Congress* may appoint as an *Honorary Member* any person on retirement, which has given long, outstanding and meritorious services to ETTU.

A.2.7.2 The *Executive Board* may award a Badge of Honour to any person that has given an outstanding contribution to the work of ETTU and/or to its *Objects*.

## **A.3. GOVERNING RULES**

### **A.3.1. APPLICABLE RULES**

A.3.1.1 The applicable *Governing Rules* are:

- the LAW
- the *Constitution*
- the *Regulations*
- *Directives, Guidelines and Internal Regulations*

### **A.3.2. SET-UP AND AMENDMENT**

A.3.2.1 The *Constitution* may be set-up or amended exclusively by the *Congress*, at a *Congress Meeting*, provided:

- a) the set-up or amendment of the *Constitution* has explicitly been included as an item of business in the official agenda of the *Congress Meeting* concerned;
- b) at least two thirds of the *Member Associations* are present or duly represented at the *Congress Meeting* concerned.

A.3.2.2 A set-up or amendment of the *Constitution* may be decided as follows:

- with the three-quarters majority of the votes recorded, if the amendment does concern the statutory provisions defining the *Objects*;
- with the two-thirds majority of the votes recorded, if the amendment does not concern the statutory provisions defining the *Objects*.

A.3.2.3 *Regulations* may be set-up and/or amended by the *Congress*, with the majority of the votes cast, in order to cover matters directly related to the *Objects* and not falling under the scope of the *Constitution*.

A.3.2.4 *Directives, Guidelines or Internal Regulations* may be set-up and/or amended by the *Executive Board*, with the majority of the votes cast, in order to settle detailed provisions for matters ruled in a more general way by the *Constitution* or by the *Regulations*.

### **A.3.3. COMING INTO FORCE**

A.3.3.1 Unless otherwise stated or specifically decided by the *Congress*, a duly accepted amendment to the *Constitution* or to a *Regulation* shall take effect 3 months after the *Congress Meeting* having decided upon the amendment concerned.

A.3.3.2 A duly accepted amendment to a *Directive, a Guideline or an Internal Regulation* shall take effect as from the date specifically set by the *Executive Board*. Except for very specific or urgent reasons, such an amendment should principally not take effect earlier than one (1) month after the date of its dispatching to the *Member Associations*.



## A.4. STRUCTURAL ENTITIES

### A.4.1. ACTING STRUCTURAL ENTITIES

A.4.1.1 The acting *Structural Entities* are:

- The *Congress*
- The *Executive Board*
- The *General Secretary*
- The *Committees* and the *Officials*
- The *Juridical Boards*: the *Board of Justice* and the *Board of Appeal*

### A.4.2. ELECTIONS AND VOTINGS

A.4.2.1 At a *Congress Meeting*, a valid proxy shall be considered and counted as a delegate eligible to vote.

A.4.2.2 An election, a recall or any other voting concerning directly a physical person shall be carried out by a secret ballot.

A.4.2.3 At an election, a ballot paper shall be considered as valid only if the number of votes cast on this ballot paper equals the number of vacancies.

A.4.2.4 A voting not concerning directly a physical person may principally be carried out by an open ballot, i.e. by show of hands or voting cards, except if at least one third of the delegates eligible to vote ask for either a ballot by roll call or a secret ballot.

A.4.2.5 At a *Congress Meeting*, any ballot shall be performed by scrutineers. No one shall act as a scrutineer at an election or a voting involving either himself, the Association he is a delegate of or a club, a player or an official affiliated to that Association.

A.4.2.6 At the *Executive Board* level, a ballot shall be performed as follows:

- open ballots: by the Chairperson;
- secret ballots: by the *General Secretary* or, in his absence, by all the *Officers* present together.

An *Officer* shall not take part neither in an election nor in a voting upon any matter involving either himself, the Association by which he has been nominated or a club, a player or an official affiliated to that Association, or when there is any other conflict of interests.

A.4.2.7 At the *Juridical Boards* level, any ballot shall be performed by the Chairperson.

A member of a *Juridical Board* shall not take part in a voting upon any matter involving either himself, the Association by which he has been nominated or a club, a player or an official affiliated to that Association, or when there is any other conflict of interests.

A.4.2.8 In the event of a tie in an election ballot, a second ballot shall be held, but only if necessary, between the candidates with the same number of votes in the first ballot. In the event of a tie in the second ballot, the relating election shall be determined by lot.

A.4.2.9 Except at the level of the *Executive Board* and the *Juridical Boards*, a tie voting result shall be considered as a rejection of the point of issue put to vote (nomination, recall, proposal, etc. ). At the *Executive Board* votings as well as at the *Juridical Boards'* votings, the Chairperson - in the event of a tie voting result - has a second vote (= casting vote).

### **A.4.3. CONGRESS**

#### **A.4.3.1. General Provisions and Decisions**

A.4.3.1.1 The *Congress* is the supreme legislative and controlling body of ETTU.

A.4.3.1.2 Principally, the *Congress* shall conduct its business and take decisions and resolutions in Meetings only. In very urgent cases, a *Congress* decision on any subject, other than the amendment of the *Constitution* and the dissolution of ETTU, may, upon the initiative of the *Executive Board*, be convened through a postal ballot.

A.4.3.1.3 Unless otherwise stated in the *Constitution*, the *Congress* shall take its decisions and resolutions with the majority of the valid votes cast.

A.4.3.1.4 Any *Congress* decision shall be binding for each *Member Association*.

A.4.3.1.5 Unless otherwise stated or specifically decided by the *Congress* itself, a *Congress* decision shall take effect immediately.

#### **A.4.3.2. Representation and Eligibility for Voting**

A.4.3.2.1 The *Congress* shall consist of the delegates of the *Member Associations*.

A.4.3.2.2 A *Member Association* has the right to be represented at a *Congress Meeting* by up to two delegates.

A.4.3.2.3 A *Member Association* eligible to vote may, at a *Congress Meeting*, be represented by a delegate of another *Member Association* eligible to vote.

Any such representation of a *Member Association* by a delegate of another *Member Association* and the relating transfer of the voting right shall be documented through a written proxy. No *Member Association* shall hold more than one proxy.

A.4.3.2.4 Unless otherwise stated in the *Constitution*, half the *Member Associations* shall constitute a quorum for the *Congress*.

A.4.3.2.5 Each *Member Association*, whose voting right has not been suspended according to the relating provisions of the *Constitution*, shall have one vote in the *Congress*.

A.4.3.2.6 As concerns the voting right at a *Congress Meeting*:

- the voting right of a *Member Association* shall be exercised by one of its delegates;
- no other persons than delegates of *Member Associations* shall have the voting right.

#### **A.4.3.3. Convening, Agenda and Organisation**

A.4.3.3.1 An ordinary *Congress Meeting* shall be held annually (= the *Annual Ordinary Congress Meeting*).

A.4.3.3.2 An extraordinary *Congress Meeting*:

- may be convened by the *Executive Board*, with the majority of the votes recorded;
- shall be convened at the written request of at least one third of the *Member Associations*; in this case, the convening request shall clearly specify the business for which the extraordinary *Congress Meeting* has to be convened as well as the items of business to be put on the agenda of that Meeting.

A.4.3.3.3 An extraordinary *Congress Meeting* convened by the *Member Associations* according to the provisions of § A.4.3.3.2 shall be held latest within four months after the entry of the last required convening request.

A.4.3.3.4 Any proposition for the agenda of the *Annual Ordinary Congress Meeting* may be submitted either by a *Member Association*, the *Executive Board*, a *Committee* or an *Official*.

A.4.3.3.5 In order to be included in the agenda of the *Annual Ordinary Congress Meeting*, a proposition shall be submitted in writing to the *Secretariat* latest 12 weeks before the officially announced date of the relating *Congress Meeting*.

A proposition submitted after the statutory deadline may be admitted as a late entry to the agenda of the next *Congress Meeting* only, if so decided by the *Congress* itself, with the two-thirds majority of the votes recorded.

A.4.3.3.6 Any *Congress Meeting* shall be held under the leadership of the *Executive Board* on duty.

A.4.3.3.7 The chairpersonship of a *Congress Meeting* shall be hold by the *President* or, in his absence, by the *Deputy President* or, in the absence of both, by the longest-serving *Vice-President*. If there is no *Executive Board* on duty at the time of a *Congress Meeting*, the chairmanship of that Meeting shall be hold by a delegate present, to be appointed on the spot by the *Congress* itself.

A.4.3.3.8 The *Member Associations* present or represented at a *Congress Meeting* shall appoint three delegates, coming from three different *Member Associations*, as the scrutineers of that Meeting.

A.4.3.3.9 At a *Congress Meeting*, Minutes shall be taken of all business settled at that Meeting. The Minutes and the Resolutions of a *Congress Meeting* shall be circulated to the *Member Associations* not later than three months after the Meeting concerned.

## **A.4.4. EXECUTIVE BOARD**

### **A.4.4.1. General Provisions**

A.4.4.1.1 As the executive body of ETTU, the *Executive Board*:

- a) is provided with an extended power to define ETTU policies and to take decisions on all current matters as well as on those matters concerning ETTU which, by the *Constitution*, are not explicitly subject to the responsibility of the *Congress*;
- b) shall manage ETTU, except where its responsibility is delegated by the *Constitution* and except where it may have delegated itself a part of its responsibility, e.g. to an *Officer* or to the *General Secretary*;
- c) shall legally represent ETTU in all juridical and extra-juridical matters.

A.4.4.1.2 The *Executive Board* shall consist of eight Officers as follows:

- the *President*;
- the *Deputy President*;
- the *Vice-President for Finances*;
- five *Vice-Presidents*.

A.4.4.1.3 The *Officers* shall all be from different *Member Associations*.

A.4.4.1.4 Neither the *President* nor the *Deputy President* shall hold any position in ITTF, except that the *President* shall represent ETTU ex officio as 'Continental President' in the ITTF Development and Continental Council and that both, the *President* and the *Deputy President*, shall represent ETTU in the ITTF Board of Directors.

A.4.4.1.5 The *President* is the supreme representative of ETTU in all matters. He may delegate his statutory or otherwise assigned power in a specific field to another *Officer*.

A.4.4.1.6 The *Deputy President* shall deputise for the *President* in his absence.

#### **A.4.4.2. Election of Officers**

A.4.4.2.1 A *Member Association* may nominate only one candidate for the elections of the *Officers*.

A.4.4.2.2 A candidate for the elections of the *Officers* shall be nominated only with the written consent of the candidate himself and of his nominating Association.

A.4.4.2.3 The *Officers* shall be elected by the *Congress*, for a term of four years. They are eligible for re-election without any limitation.

A.4.4.2.4 Except for the reason of filling vacancies, elections for *Officers* shall be held at the *Annual Ordinary Congress Meeting* in the years of Olympic Summer Games only.

A.4.4.2.5 If a vacancy occurs during the first three years of the running term of office, the next *Annual Ordinary Congress* shall elect a replacement *Officer* to fill that vacancy for the remaining years of the running term.

A.4.4.2.6 There shall be an individual election, requiring the majority of the votes cast, for the positions of *President*, *Deputy-President* and *Vice President for Finances*, and a group election by simple majority (i.e. by the largest number of votes) for the open positions of *Vice-President*.

#### **A.4.4.3. Meetings**

A.4.4.3.1 An *Executive Board Meeting* may be convened either by the *President* at his discretion, or by three *Officers* (other than the *President*) requesting so in writing (= extraordinary *Executive Board Meeting*).

#### **A.4.5. GENERAL SECRETARY AND PROFESSIONAL STAFF**

A.4.5.1 The *General Secretary* is the highest *Structural Entity* of the ETTU operational management. He shall be appointed by the *Executive Board*, on terms and conditions to be set by that Board.

A.4.5.2 If so required by the *Activities* or if so decided by the *Congress*, the *Executive Board* may, apart from the *General Secretary*, engage other full time and/or part time *employees*, on terms and conditions to be set by that Board.

#### **A.4.6. COMMITTEES, OFFICIALS AND EXPERT PANELS**

##### **A.4.6.1 General Provisions**

(nil)

##### **A.4.6.2 Appointments**

A.4.6.2.1 The *Executive Board* may appoint *Committees* and *Officials* as well as *Expert Panels*, according to the relating provisions of *Regulation [B]*.

From a juridical point of view, any such *Committees*, *Officials* and *Expert Panels* are to be considered as being an integral part of the *Executive Board* structure.

**A.4.7. JURIDICAL BOARDS****A.4.7.1. General Provisions**

A.4.7.1.1 The *Juridical Boards* are:

- the *Board of Justice* (= 1<sup>st</sup> level of jurisdiction)
- the *Board of Appeal* (= 2<sup>nd</sup> level of jurisdiction)

A.4.7.1.2 A *Juridical Board* shall consist of five members, all of them being from different *Member Associations*.

A.4.7.1.3 The Chairperson and three other members shall constitute a quorum for a *Juridical Board*.

A.4.7.1.4 Except where otherwise specified in the *Constitution*, the decisions of a *Juridical Board* shall be taken with the majority of the votes cast.

**A.4.7.2. Election of Members**

A.4.7.2.1 A *Member Association* may nominate only one candidate for the elections of the members of either one or the other *Juridical Board*.

A.4.7.2.2 A candidate for the elections of the members of the *Juridical Boards* shall be nominated only with the written consent of the candidate himself and of his nominating Association,

A.4.7.2.3 The members of the *Juridical Boards* shall be elected by the *Congress*, for a term of four years. They are eligible for re-election without any limitation.

A.4.7.2.4 Except for the reason of filling vacancies, elections for members of the *Juridical Boards* shall be held at the *Annual Ordinary Congress Meeting* in the years of the Olympic Summer Games only.

A.4.7.2.5 If a vacancy occurs during the first three years of the running term of office, the next *Annual Ordinary Congress* shall elect a replacement member to fill that vacancy for the remaining years of the running term.

A.4.7.2.6 There shall be a group election by simple majority (i.e. by the largest number of votes) for the election of members of a *Juridical Board*.

A.4.7.2.7 The elected members of a *Juridical Board* shall appoint one of themselves, having an appropriate juridical qualification, as the Chairperson of the respective *Juridical Board*.

A.4.7.2.8 A member of one *Juridical Board* shall not hold nor take a position neither in the other *Juridical Board* nor in any other *Structural Entity*.

## A.5. JURISDICTION

A.5.1 The jurisdiction of the *Juridical Boards* applies to all *Member Associations* as well as to their clubs and players participating in competitions governed by ETTU; the *Member Associations* shall incorporate a relating statement in their own articles of incorporation.

A.5.2 The detailed provisions and rules governing the jurisdiction and the proceedings of the *Juridical Boards* are specified in Regulation [B] and/or in Annexes to this regulation.

A.5.3 The seat of a *Juridical Board* is at the *Headquarters*.

A.5.4 The *Board of Justice* is provided with the power:

- in the case of a dispute between either ETTU and a *Member Association* or between ETTU and a club which is a member of a *Member Association*: to decide upon such a dispute;
- in the case of a violation of the *Constitution*, the *Regulations* or a *Congress* or *Executive Board* decision: to impose disciplinary measures on a *Member Association* or on a club, player or official which/who is a member of or under the authority of a *Member Association*.

A.5.5 The *Board of Appeal* is provided with the power to take the final decision on any appeal put forward against a decision taken by the *Board of Justice*.

A.5.6 A case may be brought to a *Juridical Board* either by a *Member Association* or, if the case is related to a club *Event*, by a club affiliated to a *Member Association*. Both afore mentioned parties are, in their respective field of responsibility, also entitled to act on behalf of one of their own members, such as e.g. an official or a player affiliated to it or being otherwise under its authority.

A.5.7 Except if otherwise specified in the *Constitution* or in a *Regulation*, any case shall be brought to the *Board of Justice* first and may be brought to the *Board of Appeal* only after the *Board of Justice* has taken a decision or resolution.

A.5.8 If a case of dispute arises either between ETTU and a *Member Association* or between ETTU and a club which is a member of a *Member Association*, none of the parties involved shall take recourse to legal action in the ordinary courts of law, but submit the case first to the *Juridical Boards* according to the provisions of § A.5.6.

If the final decision of the *Juridical Boards* in a case of dispute does not satisfy any party involved in the case concerned, this party may forward the case concerned to the 'IOC Court of Arbitration for Sports' ('**CAS**') in Lausanne (Switzerland).

A.5.9 A *Member Association* shall decide itself upon disputes among its own clubs and members, and discuss with any other *Member Association* concerned disputes between one of its own clubs and a 'foreign' club. If the *Member Associations* involved in such a dispute would not reach an agreement, then they may submit the case to the *Board of Justice*, according to the provisions of § A.5.6, on the basis of the rules of legal procedure.

A.5.10 If a civil law dispute arises between ETTU and a third party, this case shall, unless otherwise stated or specified, be brought to the competent Court of Justice in the country of the *Seat*.

## A.6. FINANCES

### A.6.1. FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS

A.6.1.1 The *Financial Accounts* shall:

- a) be drawn up for a one year period, the accounting period starting with the 1<sup>st</sup> January of a year and ending with the 31<sup>st</sup> December of the same year;
- b) be drawn up according to the provisions of the country of the *Seat*;
- c) comply with the requirements of appropriate and generally accepted European accounting standards;
- d) be held in euro.

A.6.1.2 The *Financial Statements* (i.e. the 'Balance Sheet' and the 'Income and Expenditure Accounts') as well as the *Budget* of income and expenditure shall be approved by the *Congress* and may be approved by the *Congress* exclusively.

A.6.1.3 The *Financial Statements* shall be subject to an audit by a professional auditor, completely independent from ETTU and legally recognised in the country of the *Seat*.

A.6.1.4 The auditor shall be appointed by the *Congress*, for a term of four years; he is eligible for re-appointment without any limitation.

A.6.1.5 The *Financial Statements* shall be subject at least once per year to an internal audit by two financial experts. These experts shall be appointed by the *Congress*, for a term of four years; they are not eligible for re-appointment.

### A.6.2. MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION

A.6.2.1 The annual *Membership* subscription fee shall be fixed by the *Congress*; it shall not exceed one thousand (1.000,-) euro per *Member Association* per year.

A.6.2.2 The annual *Membership* subscription is due on the 1<sup>st</sup> January of each year.

## A.7. MEDIA TRANSMISSIONS

A.7.1 ETTU exclusively holds all the rights to authorise audio-visual and sound broadcasting transmissions by whatever means as well as any other use and dissemination by picture or sound, either live or recorded, in whole or as excerpts, of any *Event*.

## A.8. CONTRACTS

A.8.1 As concerns the signing of contracts, ETTU is legally engaged as follows:

- a) for matters with any financial implications: by the common signature of the *President* (or in his absence, the *Deputy President*) and the *Vice-President for Finances* (or in his absence, the *General Secretary*);
- b) for matters with no financial implications: by the common signature of the *President* (or in his absence, the *Deputy President*) and any other *Officer* (or the *General Secretary*).

A.8.2 For any contracts ETTU has entered, the applicable law shall be the law of the country of the *Seat*, unless it has been settled otherwise in a particular contract.

## **A.9. DISSOLUTION**

A.9.1 The dissolution of ETTU can exclusively be decided by the *Congress*, at a *Congress Meeting*, with the four-fifths majority of the votes recorded, provided that:

- a) the topic 'Dissolution of ETTU' is clearly mentioned as an item of business in the official agenda of the *Congress Meeting* concerned;
- b) at least two thirds of the *Member Associations* are present or duly represented at the *Congress Meeting* concerned.

A.9.2 If two thirds of the *Member Associations* are not present nor duly represented at the *Congress Meeting* mentioned in § A.9.1, another *Congress Meeting* may be convened; this second *Congress Meeting* may take a decision upon the dissolution of ETTU independently of the number of *Member Associations* present and duly represented. However, if less than two thirds of the *Member Associations* are present and duly represented in the afore mentioned second *Congress Meeting*, the decision taken concerning the dissolution of ETTU shall be submitted for homologation to the Civil Court of Justice in Luxembourg.

A.9.3 In the case ETTU is being dissolved, all remaining *Assets* and *Properties* shall become the property of ITTF in order to be used by ITTF for the development and the promotion of table tennis in Europe.

## **A.10. VARIOUS**

### **A.10.1. ITTF BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

(nil)

### **A.10.2. LIABILITY**

A.10.2.1 No person acting on behalf of ETTU, either on honorary or on employment basis, does assume any personal liability or responsibility for the general engagements and commitments of ETTU.

### **A.10.3. INTERNATIONAL ELIGIBILITY**

(nil)

### **A.10.4. VISAS**

(nil)

### **A.10.5. PLAYING CLOTHES**

(nil)

### **A.10.6. ANTI DOPING RULES**

ETTU adopts the World Anti-Doping Code, as issued and published by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), as the basic reference for its continuing efforts:

- To protect the table tennis players' fundamental right to participate in doping-free sport and thus promote health, fairness and equality for table tennis players Europe wide;
- To ensure harmonised, coordinated and effective anti-doping programs at the European level with regard to detection, deterrence and prevention of doping.



## **A.11. CONCLUDING PROVISIONS**

A.11.1 The *Constitution* shall be governed in all respects by the LAW.

A.11.2 Detailed and complementary provisions for the implementation and for the practical application of the *Constitution* shall be specified in the *General Regulation*, called '*Regulation [B]*'.

A.11.3 The *Executive Board* has the power to decide upon all matters not covered neither by the *Constitution* nor by the *Regulations*; such decisions shall eventually be made in accordance with relevant ITTF regulations, if they exist, and according to usual right and justice, in all other cases.

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# ETTU

## GENERAL REGULATION

### (REGULATION [B])

This **Regulation** specifies detailed and complementary provisions for the implementation and for the practical application of the ETTU Constitution.

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## **B.0. DEFINITION OF TERMS**

### **B.0.1. Definitions of the CONSTITUTION**

B.0.1.1 The definitions given in Chapter **A.0.** of the *Constitution* are fully applicable for *Regulation [B]*.

### **B.0.2. INFO**

B.0.2.1 The '*INFO*' means the official **ETTU newsletter**, published periodically by the *General Secretary*.

### **B.0.3. HANDBOOK**

B.0.3.1 The '*HANDBOOK*' means the official **ETTU manual**, in principal published annually by the *General Secretary* and including, in particular, the *Constitution*, the *Regulations* and a list with the *Member Associations*.

### **B.0.4. Office**

B.0.4.1 The '*Office*' means the official address of the *Headquarters*, to be published in each edition of the *INFO* and of the *HANDBOOK*

### **B.0.5. Observer**

B.0.5.1 At a *Meeting*, an **observer** is a person entitled or authorised to attend that meeting in an advisory capacity, with the right to speak but not to vote.

## B.1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

### B.1.1. LEGAL FORM

(1) Pursuant to the relating unanimous decision of the *Congress* at its Meeting on **27<sup>th</sup> April 1997** in Manchester (England), ETTU has been incorporated in **Luxembourg** as a **non-profit-making association** ('*association sans but lucrative*', abbreviated as '*a.s.b.l.*').

(2) The Luxembourg law of 21<sup>st</sup> April 1928 (the '*LAW*') is applicable in its version as amended by the particular laws of the 22<sup>nd</sup> February 1984 and 04<sup>th</sup> March 1994.

(3) Following the deposit and the registration of the *Constitution*, the address of the *Seat* and the list of the *Member Associations* with the head of the Luxembourg '*Registre de Commerce et des Sociétés*', ETTU has been granted **civil and juridical personality** as from the 19 February 1993<sup>(\*)</sup>.

(\*) date on which the *Constitution* has been published in the Luxembourg '*MEMORIAL - Recueil Spécial des Sociétés et Associations*'

(4) In order to uphold the civil and juridical personality of ETTU, the *General Secretary* shall:

- a) notify the head of the Luxembourg '*Registre de Commerce et des Sociétés*' of all changes to the *Constitution*, to the *Seat*, to the list of the *Member Associations* as well as to the members of the *Executive Board* or to their addresses, latest within three months after the *Congress Meeting* where the relating changes have been decided or ratified;
- b) ensure the publication in the Luxembourg '*MEMORIAL - Recueil Spécial des Sociétés et Associations*' of all amendments to the *Constitution*, latest within three months after the *Congress Meeting* where such amendments have been adopted.

### B.1.2. SEAT AND HEADQUARTERS

(*nil*)

### B.1.3. AUTHORITY AND NEUTRALITY

(1) The power to authorise the organisation of a '**European**' **table tennis event** shall be with the *Executive Board*.

### B.1.4. OBJECTS

(1) The **development and promotion activities** of ETTU shall, in particular, include courses, conferences and/or camps upon the following items, in relation with the table tennis sport:

- playing
- coaching
- refereeing and umpiring
- sport administration
- organisation of *Events*

(2) The '**European**' table tennis Events <sup>(\*)</sup> organised shall, in particular, be the following:

- the European Senior Championships
- the European Youth Championships
- (the European Junior Championships)
- (the European Cadet Championships)
- the European Veteran Championships
- the Europe Senior Top-12 Tournament
- the Europe Youth Top-10 Tournament
- the European Nations Cup
- the European Olympic Qualification Tournaments
- the European Champions League
- the ETTU (Nancy Evans) Cup
- the European Para Table Tennis Championships

(\*) the provisions ruling each one of these *Events* shall be laid down in a relating *Specific Regulation*

(3) In order to reach and fulfil the *Objects*, ETTU shall among others:

- encourage and support table tennis development and promotion activities in the territories controlled by the *Member Associations*;
- identify and evaluate the needs of the *Member Associations* and give them whatever possible support;
- communicate with the *Member Associations* and enable a continuous information exchange between the *Member Associations* and between the *Member Associations* and other parties interested or involved in the *Objects* and *Activities*, particularly through the publication in the *INFO* of the *Meeting* minutes, of the results of the 'European' table tennis Events and of other news relevant to the *Objects* and *Activities*;
- co-ordinate, in strong collaboration with ITTF, the dates for all the *Events*, and harmonise the conditions of these *Events*;
- consider and propose recommendations which might become the basis for international table tennis laws or regulations.

#### **B.1.5. DURATION**

(*nil*)

#### **B.1.6. LANGUAGE**

(1) At *Meetings*, any authorised speaker may address the meeting in any other language than English, subject to his providing interpretation into English at his own costs.

(2) A *Member Association* may, for national purposes, translate or have translated any *Document* in its national language (at its own costs). Upon a relating request of ETTU, a *Member Association* shall provide ETTU - free of charge - with the national translation, if available, of any *Document*.

#### **B.1.7. COLOURS, BADGE AND LOGO**

(*nil*)

## B.2. MEMBERSHIP

### B.2.1. CONDITIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

- (1) The **continental areas**, as fixed by ITTF, shall determinate the conditions applicable for the application for *Membership* submitted to ETTU by a National Table Tennis Association ('**NTTA**').
- (2) An application for *Membership* submitted by a NTTA from outside the geographical area of Europe shall include written evidence as to the support of ITTF and of the concerned Continental Table Tennis Confederation to that application.

### B.2.2. NUMBER OF MEMBERS

- (1) If the number of *Member Associations* becomes **less than three (3)**, ETTU shall, according to the LAW, be considered as having ex officio been dissolved as a non-profit-making association governed by the LAW.
- (2) The *General Secretary* shall publish the **list of the *Member Associations*** at least once annually, either in the *INFO* or in the *HANDBOOK*.

### B.2.3. ADMISSION OF MEMBERS

- (1) An **application for *Membership*** shall be sent, preferably by registered mail, to the *Office*.
- (2) An application for *Membership* shall at least include the following elements concerning the NTTA applying for *Membership*:
- a) the Statutes and Regulations of that NTTA;
  - b) a declaration whereby that NTTA states to respect and observe at all times the *Constitution*, the *Regulations* and the decisions made under them by the *Authorities*;
  - c) documents giving information about the internal organisation of that NTTA as well as about the events staged by it;
  - d) the names of the members of the executive body of that NTTA.

### B.2.4. RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERS

- (1) Unless otherwise decided by the *Congress*, the ***Events*** shall be open only to representative teams of *Member Associations* respectively to players and clubs affiliated to *Member Associations*.
- (2) Every Association shall be responsible for its clubs and players, for example with regard to entry fees, penalties, eligibility etc, in compliance with the ETTU constitution and regulations.
- (3) The withdrawal or exclusion of a *Member Association* from *Membership* does in no way prejudice any right of ETTU towards that *Member Association*, which keeps full liability for the settlement of all outstanding financial obligations due to ETTU prior to the termination of its *Membership*.

### B.2.5. WITHDRAWAL FROM MEMBERSHIP

- (1) The **notification** from a *Member Association* concerning its withdrawal from *Membership* or its dissolution shall be sent by registered mail to the *Office*.

### B.2.6. SUSPENSION AND EXCLUSION OF MEMBERS

(1) The **suspension** of a *Member Association* may, in particular, include the **restriction of its rights**, in whole or in parts, as follows:

- the right to vote, in general and/or at *Congress Meetings*;
- the right to nominate candidates for elections and/or for appointments;
- the right to enter its representative team(s) as well as club teams or players affiliated to it in one, more or all of the *Events*.

(2) Unless otherwise decided upon by the *Executive Board*, the **suspension** of a *Member Association* shall take effect **twenty (20) days** after the date where that *Member Association* has been notified by the *General Secretary*, through registered mail, of the relating decision of the *Executive Board*.

In the event the suspension of a *Member Association* decided by the *Executive Board* is not confirmed and endorsed by the *Congress* at its next following Meeting, that suspension shall cease with immediate effect as from the date of the *Congress Meeting* concerned.

(3) Prior to any decision upon the **exclusion** of a *Member Association* from *Membership*, the *Member Association* subject to the exclusion procedure shall be **convened** to a *Congress Meeting* in order to plead its cause and to ensure its defence. The relating convening letter shall be sent to the *Member Association* by the *General Secretary*, through registered mail, not later than three months before the opening date of the respective *Congress Meeting*. It shall include the precise reasons for the intended exclusion.

(4) If a *Member Association* subject to an exclusion procedure will not use its right to plead its cause at a *Congress Meeting*, the *Congress* may decide upon the exclusion of that *Member Association* even in its absence.

(5) The **exclusion** of a *Member Association* from *Membership* shall take effect **immediately** after the relating decision has been taken by the *Congress Meeting*.

### B.2.7. HONORARY MEMBERS

(1) A *Honorary Member* is entitled to get free hospitality at the European Senior Championships and to attend the *Congress Meetings* as an observer.



## **B.3. GOVERNING RULES**

### **B.3.1. APPLICABLE GOVERNING RULES**

*(nil)*

### **B.3.2. SET-UP AND AMENDMENT**

<sup>(1)</sup> **Regulations** shall especially be set up in order to:

- provide detailed specifications for the implementation and the practical application of the *Constitution*;
- settle the 'Terms of Reference' of the *Structural Entities* as well as other provisions concerning their composition, the appointment of their members and their proceedings;
- provide overall technical specifications for the organisation of the *Events*.

<sup>(2)</sup> **Directives, Guidelines** or **Internal Regulations** shall be set up in order to provide detailed provisions especially for:

- the practical daily work inside ETTU, such as e.g. the activities of the *Officers*, the *General Secretary*, the *Committee Chairpersons*, the *Officials* and the other staff working for ETTU either on employment or on honorary basis;
- the practical aspects concerning the organisation of the *Events*.

### **B.3.3. COMING INTO FORCE**

*(nil)*

## B.4. STRUCURAL ENTITIES

### B.4.1. ACTING STRUCTURAL ENTITIES

(nil)

### B.4.2. ELECTIONS AND VOTINGS

(1) The **nomination** of a candidate for a position in a *Structural Entity* **subject to an election** shall be entered using exclusively the relating nomination form circulated by the *General Secretary*.

(2) In order to be receivable, such a **nomination form** shall:

a) be duly signed by the candidate and by his nominating Association;

b) be sent by registered mail to the *Office*, before the relating deadline <sup>(\*)</sup> <sup>(\*\*)</sup>.

<sup>(\*)</sup> to be set and published by the *General Secretary*, at least six (6) weeks in advance to the deadline

<sup>(\*\*)</sup> to be set not later than six (6) weeks before the date of the relating election

(3) Where a *Member Association* nominates more than one candidate for a specific position where only one nominated candidate per *Member Association* is allowed, all nominations of that *Member Association* for the position concerned shall be declared null and void by the *General Secretary*.

(4) A list including all the eligible candidates for an election shall be circulated by the *General Secretary* to the *Member Associations* at least four (4) weeks before the date of the relating election.

(5) A **ballot by roll call** shall be held in alphabetical order, the *Association* to start with the voting process being drawn by lot by the scrutineers.

(6) Where **scrutineers** are appointed (as e.g. at a *Congress Meeting*), they are responsible for the correct organisation of a ballot, including in particular:

- the distribution of the ballot papers;
- the draw by lot of the *Member Association* to be started with for a ballot by roll call;
- the count of the votes cast;
- the validation or the rejection of votes cast;
- the proclamation of the ballot result;
- the draw by lot in the event of a tie voting result in the second ballot, etc..

For the administrative part of their task, the scrutineers shall be assisted by the *General Secretary*.

(7) Before starting to count the votes of a secret ballot, the scrutineers shall announce to the Meeting attendants the number of ballot papers distributed.

If more ballot papers are handed in than had been distributed, the relating ballot shall be declared null and void and shall be repeated forthwith.

(8) After the announcement of the result of a **secret ballot**, the ballot papers cast for the voting concerned shall be placed by the scrutineers in envelopes specifically prepared for that purpose. Once the ballot papers placed in the envelopes, these shall be closed on the spot and be signed by the scrutineers.

The *General Secretary* shall keep the closed envelopes in the *Office* and destroy them not earlier than one hundred (100) days after the closing date of the Meeting concerned.

(9) A **postal ballot**, if convened by the *Executive Board*, shall be conducted by the *General Secretary*, who shall also settle and publish, duly in advance, the conditions applicable to the postal ballot concerned (ballot paper, deadline for voting, return of the ballot paper, etc.)

### B.4.3. CONGRESS

#### B.4.3.1. General Provisions and Decisions

(1) Only a duly convened *Congress* or *Congress Meeting* shall have the required power to take **binding decisions**.

#### B.4.3.2. Representation and Eligibility for Voting

(1) In any case of doubt, a delegate of a *Member Association* at a *Congress Meeting* may be asked to provide the Meeting scrutineers with documented evidence of his entitlement to represent that *Member Association*.

(2) The *Officers* and the *General Secretary* shall, other persons under employment contract with ETTU may attend the *Congress Meetings*. None of these persons shall, at a *Congress Meeting*, neither act as delegate of a *Member Association* nor be eligible to vote.

(3) To be receivable, a **proxy** shall:

- a) be established exclusively on the relating form issued and circulated by the *General Secretary*;
- b) be duly signed by the President of the *Member Association* having issued the proxy or his deputy;
- c) be handed over to the *General Secretary* latest before the opening of the relating *Congress Meeting*.

(4) The *Honorary Members* have the right to assist to the *Congress Meetings* as **observers**.

(5) The *Congress* may entitle any persons to attend a *Congress Meeting* as **observers**.

#### B.4.3.3. Convening, Agenda and Organisation

(1) **Convening requests** for an extraordinary *Congress Meeting* as well as **propositions** for the agenda of any *Congress Meeting* (either ordinary or extraordinary) shall be sent, by registered mail, to the *Office*.

A **proposition** for the agenda of a *Congress* shall be sent to the *Office* not later than twelve (12) weeks before the date of this *Congress* that has officially be announced (e.g. in the *INFO* or in the *Calendar*). Moreover, the proposition shall be clearly formulated and should be completed with a brief description of its reason and motivation.

(2) The **date**, the **venue** and the **agenda** of a *Congress Meeting* shall be set by the *Executive Board*.

(2a) A *Congress Meeting* shall be held, as far as possible, at the time and at the **venue** of an important table tennis event, such as e.g. European Championships, World Championships, European Youth Championships, etc.

(2b) The **agenda** of an extraordinary *Congress Meeting* shall, except the minutes of the preceding *Congress Meeting*, not include any other business than those specified in the convening request.

(2c) The **agenda** of the *Annual Ordinary Congress Meeting* shall include at least the following items of business:

- a) Roll call
- b) Approval of the agenda
- c) Appointment of scrutineers (3)
- d) Adoption of late entered propositions
- e) Approval of the Minutes of the preceding *Congress Meeting* <sup>(\*)</sup>  
(\*) if so required by the provisions of § (5)
- f) Consideration of the reports from the *Officers*, the *Committee Chairpersons* and the *Officials*
- g) Consideration of the *Financial Statements*
- h) Consideration of the reports from the *Financial Experts* and from the *Auditor*
- i) Release (Discharge) to the *Executive Board*

- j) Elections for the *Executive Board*<sup>(\*\*)</sup>
- k) Appointment of *Financial Experts* and of an auditor<sup>(\*\*)</sup>
- l) Elections for the *Board of Justice* and for the *Board of Appeal*<sup>(\*\*)</sup>
- m) Elections for the European delegates in the ITTF Board of Directors<sup>(\*\*)</sup>
- n) Consideration of propositions
- o) Settling of the annual *Membership* subscription
- p) *Budget* of income and expenditure
- q) Miscellaneous

<sup>(\*\*)</sup> except for the filling of eventual vacancies, these elections are held in the years of Olympic Summer Games only

Moreover, the **agenda** of the *Annual Ordinary Congress Meeting* **may include**, as far as given or required and up to the discretion of the *Executive Board*, one or more other items of business, as particularly:

- Consideration of applications for *Membership*
- Consideration of proposals concerning the exclusion of *Member Associations*
- Amendments of the *Constitution*
- Decision upon the continuation or lifting of the suspension of *Member Associations*
- Consideration of proposals concerning the dismissal of members of the *Structural Entities*
- Appointment of Honorary Members

<sup>(3)</sup> **Notice** of the final date, time and venue as well as of the agenda of a *Congress Meeting* shall be given to all *Member Associations* by the *General Secretary*, in writing, not later than one (1) month before the opening date of the Meeting concerned.

As far as relevant for the agenda of the *Congress Meeting*, the convening notice shall at least include the following **documents**:

- the reports of the *Officers*, *Committee Chairpersons* and *Officials*<sup>(\*)</sup>;
- the *Financial Statements*<sup>(\*)</sup>;
- the auditor's report<sup>(\*)</sup>;
- the propositions duly submitted before the statutory deadline;
- the model form for the proxy;
- the form for the nominations for the elections, if given;
- any other relevant documents<sup>(\*)</sup>.

<sup>(\*)</sup> some or all of these reports and/or documents may be circulated separately from the convening notice, but in no case later than three (3) days before the opening date of the Meeting

<sup>(4)</sup> The chairperson of a *Congress Meeting* is holding the **domestic authority**. He shall open, conduct and close the Meeting, keep order during the Meeting and ensure that the relevant rules of procedure are respected.

The chairperson may, in particular for security reasons, take all required measures to ensure a smooth and correct progress of the Meeting, as e.g. breaking the Meeting, exclude a person, limit the number of speakers, set a time limit for speakers, etc..

<sup>(5)</sup> The **Minutes** of a *Congress Meeting* shall be drafted by the *General Secretary* and be circulated by him to the *Member Associations* (e.g. through a publication on the ETTU Web-Site) before the relating statutory deadline.

The Minutes of a *Congress Meeting* shall be considered as approved if, within thirty (30) days of their official dispatching, no *Member Association* has raised fundamental objections, through registered mail, to the *General Secretary*. In the event that such fundamental objections are raised, the Minutes shall be set on the agenda of the next following *Congress Meeting* for re-consideration and definitive approval.

## B.4.4. EXECUTIVE BOARD

### B.4.4.1. General Provisions

(1) The *Executive Board* shall normally conduct its business in **Meetings**.

If required or otherwise indicated, the *Executive Board* may conduct its business also either by correspondence or through telephone conferences or using other communication means.

(2) Four eligible *Officers* shall constitute a **quorum** for the *Executive Board*.

(3) Between the *Executive Board* Meetings, the current correspondence and the other current matters shall be managed by the *General Secretary*, in regular consultation with the *President*.

(4) In accordance with a set of organisational *Internal Regulations*, the *Executive Board* may **delegate**, either fully or partly, one or more of its own duties to the *General Secretary* or to a staff member under the authority of the *General Secretary*, to one or more *Officers* individually or to a panel composed of *Officers*.

The afore mentioned organisational *Internal Regulations* shall clearly outline the delegated duties and govern the management and the reporting structure.

(5) The *Executive Board* is entitled to introduce detailed technical, commercial, marketing and media directives for ETTU Events, which must be in accordance with the ETTU Constitution and Regulations. Such directives may be changed or amended by the *Executive Board*, whenever necessary, however latest 3 months before an event takes place. Such directives must be published before they are legally binding.

(6) An *Officer*, whose voting right has not been suspended according to the relating provisions of the *Constitution*, shall have **one vote** in the *Executive Board*.

In the *Executive Board*, the representation of an *Officer* by another *Officer* respectively the transfer of the voting right between *Officers* by means of a **proxy** is not allowed.

(7) Except where otherwise specified in the *Constitution*, the decisions of the *Executive Board* shall be taken with the **majority of the votes cast**.

(8) Unless otherwise stated or specifically decided by the *Executive Board*, a decision of the *Executive Board* shall take effect the day of its official dispatching to the *Member Associations* (e.g. through a relating mail or through publication in the *INFO*).

(9) An **Officer** shall carry out his duties in a **neutral and independent** way, for the best of table tennis in Europe, without regard to the particular interests of his nominating Association.

(10) Where the *Executive Board* considers a member of a *Structural Entity* to have committed a gross or serious dereliction of duty or an act of improper conduct, it may, with the two-thirds majority of the valid votes cast:

- **suspend** an *Officer* or an elected member of a *Structural Entity* until the next *Congress Meeting*, where the *Congress* shall take a definitive decision upon the (non-)continuation of the suspension;
- **remove from office** an appointed member of a *Structural Entity* and appoint a replacement member for the remaining period of the running term.

### B.4.4.2. Election of Officers

(*nil*)

### B.4.4.3. Meetings

(1) As a general rule, the *Executive Board* shall meet **four times** per year for an ordinary Meeting.

(2) A **convening request** for an extraordinary *Executive Board* Meeting shall be sent, by registered mail, to the *Office*.

The convening request for an extraordinary *Executive Board* meeting shall clearly specify the business for which that Meeting has to be convened as well as the items of business to be put on its agenda.

An extraordinary *Executive Board Meeting* convened by *Officers* according to the relating provisions of the *Constitution* shall be held within six (6) weeks after the entry at the *Office* of the last required convening request.

(3) A **proposition** for the **agenda** of an ordinary *Executive Board Meeting* may be submitted either by a *Member Association*, the *General Secretary*, an *Officer*, a *Committee* or its Chairperson or an *Official*; any such proposition shall be sent to the *Office* in due time.

(4) The *President* shall - in strong consultation with the *General Secretary* and the other *Officers* - set the **date**, the **venue** and the **agenda** of any *Executive Board Meeting*.

An *Executive Board Meeting* should be held, as far as possible, at the time and at the **venue** of an important table tennis event, such as e.g. European Championships, World Championships, European Youth Championships, Europe Top-12 Tournament, etc.

To set the **agenda** of an *Executive Board Meeting*, the *President* shall give due consideration to any item submitted in writing according to the provisions of either §(2) or §(3). Furthermore, the agenda of each *Executive Board Meeting* shall include the item '**Miscellaneous**', where the *Officers* may put forward any subject of minor importance, not requiring the prior study of relevant documents.

(5) The *President* may invite those *Committee Chairpersons* and/or those *Officials* and/or those ETTU staff members who are able, through their specific knowledge and experience, to give useful advice on one or more items of the agenda of an *Executive Committee Meeting* as **observers**, to whole or part of that Meeting.

The *Executive Board* may entitle other persons to attend an *Executive Board Meeting* as **observers**.

(6) **Notice** of the date, the venue and the agenda of an *Executive Board Meeting* shall be given by the *General Secretary* in writing to the *Officers* (and to the persons to be invited to that Meeting as observers), not later than one (1) month before the date the Meeting is due to take place.

All **documents** relevant to the agenda of an *Executive Board Meeting* shall either be annexed to the convening notice or be sent by separate mail, but, as far as possible, not later than ten (10) days before the date that Meeting is due to take place.

(7) The **chairpersonship** of an *Executive Board Meeting* shall be held by the *President* or, in his absence, by the *Deputy President* or, in the absence of both, by the longest-serving *Vice-President*.

The chairperson of an *Executive Board Meeting* shall hold the **domestic authority**.

(8) At an *Executive Board Meeting*, **Minutes** of all business settled at that Meeting shall be drafted by the *General Secretary* and shall be circulated by him to the *Officers* for consideration, not later than one (1) month after the date the Meeting has taken place.

The **Minutes** of an *Executive Board Meeting* shall be considered as **approved** if, within thirty (30) days of their official dispatching to the *Officers*, none of them has raised fundamental objections in writing to the *General Secretary*. In the event that such fundamental objections are raised, the Minutes shall be set on the agenda of the next following *Executive Committee Meeting* for re-consideration and definitive approval.

After their definitive approval by the *Executive Board*, the Minutes of an *Executive Board Meeting* shall be circulated by the *General Secretary* to the *Member Associations* (e.g. through a publication on the ETTU Web-Site).

#### B.4.5. GENERAL SECRETARY AND PROFESSIONAL STAFF

- (1) The *General Secretary* shall report and be answerable to the *President*.
- (2) As far as not specified in the *Constitution* and in the *Regulations*, the **duties and tasks** of the *General Secretary* shall be defined in detail in his employment contract and/or in a relating *Internal Regulation*.
- (3) Among other duties, the *General Secretary* shall in particular:
- manage the *Office* and execute the operational business of ETTU, included that one of the *Juridical Boards*;
  - manage the administrative staff in the *Office*;
  - lead the persons under employment contract with ETTU and co-ordinate their work;
  - ensure the regular publication of the *INFO* and the *HANDBOOK*;
  - initiate and manage - in strong consultation with the *Vice-President for Finances* - expenditures within the framework of the *Budget*;
  - prepare - in strong consultation with the *President* - the *Congress* and *Executive Board* Meetings;
  - attend all *Congress* and *Executive Board* Meetings and take in the deliberations of these entities a significant advisory part (with the right to speak to each agenda item but not to vote);
  - act at the *Congress* and *Executive Board* Meetings as the secretary, draft the Minutes of these Meetings and circulate them according to the relating statutory and regulatory provisions;
  - initiate and coordinate the implementation of the decisions taken by the *Congress* and by the *Executive Board*;
  - compile a written report for presentation to the *Annual Ordinary Congress Meeting*;
  - report regularly about his activities to the *Executive Board*, etc..

#### B.4.6. COMMITTEES, OFFICIALS AND EXPERT PANELS

##### B.4.6.1. General Provisions

- (1) *Committees* and *Officials* shall and *Expert Panels* may be appointed with, as a general rule, the following **duties and tasks**:
- to deal - in strong co-operation with the *General Secretary* - with one or more particular aspects of the *Activities*;
  - to advise and assist the *Executive Board* and the *General Secretary* on all practical and organisational issues related to those particular aspects of the *Activities* they are responsible for;
  - to elaborate propositions in order to improve the technical or organisational quality of the *Events*.
- (2) The following *Committees* and *Officials* shall be appointed:
- a *Technical Committee*, in charge of the short-term Senior *Events*;
  - a *Youth Committee*, in charge of the Youth *Events*;
  - a *Veterans Committee*, in charge of the Veteran *Events*;
  - a *Ranking Committee*, in charge of all European Ranking Lists;
  - a *Referees and Umpires Committee*, in charge of matters concerning the appointment of referees and umpires in *Events* and the improvement of the European referees and umpires;
  - a *Teaching and Training Committee*, in charge of measures to improve the teaching, training and coaching in Europe;
  - a *Club Cup Competitions Official*, in charge - in strong co-operation with the *General Secretary* - of the supervision and the management of the *Club Cup Competitions*;
  - a *Medical Official*, in charge of all medical aspects, and particularly of the anti-doping policy;
  - a *Media Official*, in charge of the media aspects and the contacts to the press;
  - a Para Table Tennis Committee, in charge of the PTT events in cooperation with other relevant committees, in charge of promoting integration of PTT within Member Associations, and ensuring full integration into ETTU committees;
  - an Athletes Commission, in charge of representing the athletes and of defending those interests, in particular by working out proposals to improve conditions for the athletes at the major events.

As a general rule, *Expert Panels* shall deal, principally during a limited period of time, with specific aspects of the *Activities*, which are not under the responsibility of neither a *Committee* nor an *Official*.

More detailed '**Terms of Reference**' may be laid down for the *Committees* and the *Officials* and shall be laid down for the *Expert Panels* in *Internal Regulations*.

(3) A *Committee* shall consist of a **Chairperson**, a **Deputy Chairperson**, up to **five (5) supplementary full members** and up to **six (6) corresponding members**.

An *Officer* shall be neither Chairperson, nor Deputy Chairperson, nor member of a *Committee*, but he may attend any *Committee Meeting* as an observer.

(4) An *Expert Panel* shall consist of a **co-ordinator** and of three to five (other) members.

An *Officer*, a *Committee* Chairperson or member or an *Official* may be appointed as the co-ordinator or as a member of an *Expert Panel*.

(5) The **Chairperson** of a *Committee* (or his deputy) respectively the **co-ordinator** of an *Expert Panel* shall, in particular:

- represent and manage his *Committee* or *Expert Panel*;
- be responsible for the proper conduct of the business of his *Committee* or *Expert Panel*;
- regularly report to the *Executive Board* on the *Committee's* work and activities.

(6) The Chairperson or his deputy and three full members shall constitute a **quorum** for a *Committee*.

The co-ordinator and three members shall constitute a **quorum** for an *Expert Panel*.

(7) A *Committee* Chairperson or member, an *Official* or an *Expert Panel* co-ordinator or member shall carry out his duties in a **neutral an independent** way, for the best of table tennis in Europe, without regard to the particular interests of his nominating Association.

(8) A *Committee* resp. an *Expert Panel* shall principally conduct its **business by correspondence**.

As far as possible, a *Committee* Chairperson should organise a **Meeting** of his *Committee* at the venue of any important table tennis event.

Upon a duly motivated written application, the *Executive Board* may allow a *Committee* Chairperson to organise a Meeting of his *Committee* at the costs of ETTU, at least for the full members of the *Committee*. However, no *Committee Meeting* will be funded by ETTU if the *Executive Board's* approval has not been requested and given prior to the organisation of such a Meeting.

(9) Principally, the decisions of a *Committee* resp. of an *Expert Panel* shall be taken by **consensus**.

If a consensus may not be reached on an item, the relating decision shall be taken by voting of the full members, with the majority of the votes cast.

(10) ETTU Member Associations may object against decisions of a *Committee* and take the matter to the *Executive Board*. The *Executive Board* may cancel or change decisions of a *Committee*.

#### **B.4.6.2. Appointments**

(1) The *Committee* Chairpersons and the *Officials* shall be appointed by the *Executive Board*, principally for a **term of two (2) years**; they are eligible for re-appointment without any limitation.

(2) The coordinator of any *Expert Panel* shall be appointed by the *Executive Board*, principally for a term equal to the time of duration of the *Expert Panel* concerned, this term to be set by the *Executive Board* in accordance with the object of the *Expert Panel*.

(3) Each *Member Association* may nominate one or more **candidates** for appointment as *Committee* or *Expert Panel* members, but no *Member Association* may nominate more than one candidate for one specific *Committee* or *Expert Panel*.

(4) The Deputy Chairperson, the full members and the corresponding members of the *Committees*, the Deputy *Officials* and the members of the *Expert Panels* shall be appointed by the *Executive Board*, giving due consideration to the relating proposals submitted by the respective *Committee* Chairpersons, *Officials* and *Expert Panel* co-ordinators; they are eligible for re-appointment without any limitation.

#### **B.4.6.3 ATHLETES COMMISSION**



**B.4.6.3.1 MISSION**

The mission of the ETTU Athletes' Commission (hereafter "Commission") is to represent the views of the athletes and make their voice heard within the ETTU.

**B.4.6.3.2 OBJECTIVES**

- (a) The objectives of the Commission are to
  - (a.1) Consider issues related to athletes and provide advice to the ETTU
  - (a.2) Represent the rights and interests of athletes and to make related recommendations
  - (a.3) Maintain contact with the ITTF Athletes' Commission, EOC and EPC Athletes' Commissions.
- (b) The Commission shall have the following specific tasks and activities:
  - (b.1) to establish a means of seeking athletes' opinion on issues of major importance in TT through as wide a network of enquiry as possible;
  - (b.2) to keep the ETTU EB regularly informed of athlete opinion on issues of major importance in TT;
  - (b.3) to report to the EB on organisational issues that may arise in connection with athlete participation at the different competitions organised under the ETTU umbrella;
  - (b.4) to provide opinions on specific issues of athlete interest that may be entrusted to it by the ETTU;
  - (b.5) to promote a "healthy image" and "fairplay" including anti-doping, anti-corruption and illegal betting;
  - (b.6) to be the link between active athletes and ETTU
  - (b.7) to liaise and consult with other Committees and Commissions, where appropriate;
  - (b.8) to contribute to the promotion and fostering of the European and worldwide development of TT.

**B.6.3.3.3 COMPOSITION OF THE COMMISSION**

- (a) The Commission is composed of 5 members:
  - (a.1) 4 athletes elected during the European Championships
  - (a.2) 1 athlete elected during the PTT EC
- (b) They must be at least 16 years of age and have never been sanctioned for a doping offence.
- (c) It will not be possible to have more than 1 representative of the same National Association, except the Para TT representative who may come from the same association as another member of the Athletes Commission.
- (d) The term of office is 4 years. It may be renewed. Inactive members may be replaced after 1 year. A minimum 75% of the members must vote in favour of replacing an inactive member provided that such member has had an opportunity to present reasons for their inactivity. Such inactive member shall be replaced by the athlete who placed next on the results of the election, if still available, provided that he or she shall not come from an association already represented on the Commission and that the gender representation is maintained.

**B.6.3.3.4. ELECTED MEMBERS**

- (a) Elections: the athletes in collaboration with ETTU organise the election on the occasion of the:
  - (a.1) European Championships (EC)
  - (a.2) The PTT European Championships (PTT EC)
 in the year following the election of the ETTU EB. The first elections will be held in 2013 at the EC in Vienna and PTT EC in Lignano. Then the next elections will be held in 2017 and every 4 years thereafter.
- (b) Organisation of elections: in cooperation with the athletes' commission the ETTU Secretariat will sent the information to all European NAs.
- (b.1) Eligibility criteria: candidates must meet the following criteria:
  - must be nominated by his/her NA prior to the EC and PTT EC where the election takes place and having participated at the previous EC and PTT EC during the period of the last 4 years.
  - must be 16 years of age at the time the election takes place

- must not have been sanctioned for a doping offence or illegal betting
  - must have been selected by his/her NA
  - a NA may present up to 2 candidates
- The eligibility of each candidate is decided and confirmed by the EB.
- (c) Presentation and submission of candidatures:  
To be admissible, the candidature proposal must include the following documents and be received by the ETTU by the date set in the invitation:
- a candidature form, duly signed by the candidate and the President of his/her NA
  - a complete biography form
  - a recent passport photo
- (d) Election process
- Electorate: all athletes taking part in the EC and PTT EC have the right to vote
  - Information: the ETTU will publish an election leaflet which presents all the candidates and gives general information on the elections (dates, locations, voting procedure etc.)
- (e) Voting procedure: is described in the election manual and shall in any case comply with the following principles:
- each player has one vote
  - the vote must be exercised in person and by secret ballot
  - voting by proxy or correspondence is not allowed
  - abstentions, blank or spoiled votes are not taken into consideration in the calculation of the required majority.
- (f) Elected athletes: one male and one female athlete who obtain the highest number of votes are elected to the Commission; thereafter 2 more athletes who obtain the highest number of votes are elected to the Commission; the Para TT athlete who obtains the highest number of votes is elected to the Commission at the PTT EC.
- (g) Tie: in case of a tie, preference is given:
- to a candidate to balance gender equity
  - finally to the highest ranked candidate in the ITTF World Ranking.

**B.6.3.3.5. CHAIR OF THE ATHLETES COMMISSION**

He /she will be proposed by the Commission to the EB.

**B.6.3.3.6. REPRESENTATION OF THE COMMISSION WITHIN THE ETTU**

- (a) The Chair of the Commission is a co-opted member of the EB, with no voting rights.
- (b) The Chair can be replaced by an AC member to attend the EB meetings.

**B.6.3.3.7. MEETING OF THE COMMISSION**

- (a) The Commission shall meet at least once a year before, at, or immediately after the European Championships at the same place.
- (b) The ETTU is responsible for ensuring, within its means, that the Commission is able to meet.
- (c) Travel: the ETTU is responsible for 100% of the agreed economy air fare for the Chair and for the Para TT member of the Commission should they not otherwise be at the EC.
- (d) Accommodation: the ETTU is responsible to provide full board accommodation for the Chair and for the Para TT member of the Commission for the official dates stated in the invitation to the meeting.
- (e) The working language of the Commission will be English.

## B.4.7. JURIDICAL BOARDS

### B.4.7.1. General Provisions

(1) A *Juridical Board* shall normally conduct its **business** either by correspondence or through telephone conferences or using other communication means.

If required or otherwise indicated, a *Juridical Board* may conduct its business also in a Meeting.

(2) A member of a *Juridical Board*, whose voting right has not been suspended according to the relating provisions of the *Constitution*, shall have **one vote** in the *Juridical Board* concerned.

In a *Juridical Board*, neither the representation of a member by another member nor the transfer of the voting right between members by means of a **proxy** is allowed.

(3) A member of a *Juridical Board* shall carry out his duties in a **neutral and independent** way, without regard to the particular interests of his nominating Association.

(4) Unless otherwise stated or specifically decided by the *Juridical Board* concerned, a decision of a *Juridical Board* shall take effect the day of its official dispatching to the *Member Associations* and/or to the persons concerned (e.g. through mail or a publication in the *INFO*).

### B.4.7.2. Election of Members

(nil)

## B.5. JURISDICTION

B.5.1 (nil)

B.5.2 The provisions and rules governing the jurisdiction and the proceedings of the Juridical Boards are specified in the Annexes BA, BB and BC to Regulation [B] as follows:

- \* Annex BA: Rules governing the legal procedure of the Board of Justice
- \* Annex BB: Rules governing the legal procedure of the Board of Appeal
- \* Annex BC: Catalogue of disciplinary measures and sanctions.

The Annexes BA, BB and BC are to be considered as an integral part of Regulation [B].

## B.6. FINANCES

### B.6.1. Financial Accounts

(1) In accordance with the relevant *Regulations*, the **Revenue** shall, in principal, consist of the following income:

- a) the annual subscription fee due by each *Member Association*;
- b) the levies for *Events*;
- c) the entry fees for *Events*;
- d) the levies for media transmissions and for advertisement rights;
- e) the income from marketing and promotion activities.

(2) The **bank accounts** shall be held in a country to be decided upon by the *Executive Board*.

If there are however no fundamental objections to do so, the bank accounts should be held in the country of the *Seat*.

(3) The *Vice-President for Finances* shall submit to the *Annual Ordinary Congress Meeting*:

- the **Financial Statements** relating to the year preceding the year of the Meeting;
- a **Budget** for the next following (i.e. the running) year.

(4) The auditor as well as the *Financial Experts* shall each year submit to the *Annual Ordinary Congress Meeting* a written report concerning their audit(s) of the *Finances* in general and of the *Financial Accounts* in particular.

(5) If necessary for specific or urgent reasons, extraordinary expenditures not included in the *Budget* may be authorised by the *Executive Board*, with the two-thirds majority of the votes cast.

### B.6.2. Membership Subscription

(1) The annual *Membership* subscription fee is fixed to **three hundred and fifty** (350,-) euro.

## **B.7. MEDIA TRANSMISSIONS**

(1) The exclusive rights hold by ETTU concerning the media transmissions in relation with all *Events* include all television and radio transmissions as well as all transmissions via INTERNET or similar electronic means and/or networks.

(2) The *Executive Board* has the exclusive power to settle the (financial and technical) provisions governing the implementation of the media transmission rights, either in the *Regulations* relating to the different *Events* or in specific *Directives*.

## **B.8. CONTRACTS**

(*nil*)

## **B.9. DISSOLUTION**

(*nil*)

## B.10. VARIOUS

### B.10.1. ITTF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

#### B.10.1.1. General Provisions

- (1) In this chapter, the 'ITTF Board of Directors' is designated by '**ITTF-BoD**'.
- (2) A European representative in the ITTF-BoD shall carry out his duties in a **neutral and independent** way, for the best of the world and particularly the European table tennis, without regard to the particular interests of his nominating Association.

#### B.10.1.2. Appointments and Elections

- (1) Depending upon the number of *Member Associations*, there shall be from six to twelve delegates to be appointed respectively to be elected as '**European representatives in the ITTF-BoD**'.
- (2) As far as he is not yet member of the ITTF-BoD through a specific position he holds in ITTF, the **Deputy President** shall ex-officio be appointed as a European representative in the ITTF-BoD, provided he accepts this appointment.
- (3) A Member Association may nominate only one candidate for the elections of the European representatives in the ITTF-BoD, thus the European representatives in the ITTF-BoD (i.e. the one appointed by the *Executive Board* according to § (2) as well as those elected by the *Congress*) all are delegates from different nominating *Member Associations*.

Provided the *Deputy President* has accepted his appointment as ITTF-BoD member, his nominating Association shall not be allowed to nominate another candidate for the afore-mentioned elections.

A candidate for the position as European representative in the ITTF-BoD shall be nominated only with the written consent of the candidate himself and of the nominating Association.

- (4) The European representatives in the ITTF-BoD shall be appointed respectively elected by the *Congress* at its *Annual Ordinary Meeting* in the years of the Olympic Summer Games for a **term of four (4) years**; they are eligible for re-election without any limitation.

In order to ensure the maximum number of European representatives in the ITTF-BoD, European candidates elected by the *Congress* shall automatically be replaced by the next candidates on the **reserve list**<sup>(\*)</sup> if they have been or if they will be co-opted as ex-officio members to the ITTF-BoD on the basis of their appointment as ITTF Committee Chairperson.

<sup>(\*)</sup> i.e. the list with the candidates who had not been elected, ranked in the sequence of the votes they had cast in their favour at the last election for the ITTF-BoD

In the event the position of a European representative in the ITTF-BoD becomes vacant in the first three years of the term of office, that position shall be taken for the rest of the term by the next candidate from the reserve list<sup>(\*)</sup>.

#### B.10.2. LIABILITY

The liability and the responsibility of any person acting on behalf of ETTU is limited only to faults committed in relation with the execution of this person's mandate or professional task.

### **B.10.3. INTERNATIONAL ELIGIBILITY**

(1) Principally, the ITTF eligibility regulations for World Title events shall apply to all ETTU team and individual *Events*, except as provided in § (2), § (3) and in the chapters B.10.3.1. to B.10.3.5.

(2) A player who is not eligible to take part in the European Championships according to the provisions of § (1), but who:

- (a) is eligible to represent at the Olympic Games the NOC of a country whose National Table Tennis Federation is a Member of the ETTU, and
- (b) is able to officially prove that he has uninterruptedly been a resident in this country for at least five (5) years, and
- (c) has not represented the National Table Tennis Federation of another country at international table tennis events for at least three (3) years,

is eligible to participate in European Championships, team and individual events.

#### **B.10.3.1. Europe TOP-12**

(1) Only players eligible to represent a *Member Association* in the European Championships' team events are eligible to participate in the Europe TOP-12 events.

#### **B.10.3.2. European Veterans Championships**

(1) A player shall register with the Organizing Committee under the name of the country he is a national of, and/or his country of main residence in Europe. If requested by the Organizing Committee or the referee, the player shall provide documentary evidence of his eligibility.

#### **B.10.3.3. European Youth Championships**

(1) A player shall be eligible to represent in the European Youth Championships a *Member Association* having jurisdiction in a country, if:

- a) the player either
  - a.1. is a national of that country;
  - a.2. has been born in that country without being a national of it;
  - a.3. is resident in that country since at least five years (the concerned player shall provide official documentary evidence of his residence, if so required by ETTU);

and

- b) the player has never before represented any other *Member Association* in the European Youth Championships.

#### **B.10.3.4. Europe Youth TOP 10**

(1) Only players eligible to represent a *Member Association* in the European Youth Championships are eligible to participate in the Europe Youth TOP 10.

#### **B.10.3.5. European Club Cup Competitions**

(1) A player shall be eligible to represent a club as a 'non-foreign' player in the European Champions League or in the ETTU Cup if he is eligible to represent the *Member Association* to which the club concerned is affiliated in international team competitions in which the team represents an Association.

Besides, a player having the nationality of a state whose National Table Tennis Association is a *Member Association* shall have the right to represent as a 'non-foreign' player any club of any *Member Association*.

(2) A player who has represented a club as a 'non-foreign' player in one of the *Events* mentioned in the first section of § (1) shall have the right to represent as a 'non-foreign' player any club of the *Member Association* to which the club he last represented is affiliated.

<sup>(3)</sup> A club shall, through the *Member Association* to which it is affiliated, register with the *General Secretary* all proposed representative players who previously have represented a club of another *Member Association*, not later than two (2) months before the start of the first event in which the players concerned are to represent it.

#### **B.10.4. VISAS**

It shall be the responsibility of a visiting *Member Association* or club to obtain any visas necessary for its members to travel to *Meetings* or to *Events*, but the host *Member Association* or club shall assist the visiting *Member Association* or club in every possible way to ensure that the required visas are made available to the visitors in due time.

#### **B.10.5. PLAYING CLOTHES**

In any *Event*, except those implying only club teams, a player's clothing shall be authorised by the *Member Association* that has nominated him.

#### **B.10.6. ANTI-DOPING RULES**

For all competitions authorised or governed by ETTU, the ITTF Anti-Doping Rules (\*), based on the WADA Code, shall apply in their entirety.

(\*) References: a) Chapter 5 of the ITTF Handbook,  
b) ITTF Technical Leaflet T13

#### **B.10.7. RACKET CONTROL**

In any Event (EC, EYC, EVC, TOP-12, TOP-10), a control of rackets may be established according to general and specific rules laid down and published by the Executive Board and including adequate disciplinary sanctions for racket failures. If requested by the ETTU, the Host Association shall provide free hospitality for the chief racket controllers, set up a racket control centre and arrange for local helpers.

#### **B.11. CONCLUDING PROVISIONS**

*(nil)*

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**BA. RULES GOVERNING THE LEGAL PROCEDURE OF THE BOARD OF JUSTICE****BA.1 Competencies**

- BA.1.1 According to the provisions of the *Constitution* and *Regulations* as well as of the *Catalogue of Disciplinary Sanctions*, the *Board of Justice ('BoJ')* may respectively shall:
- decide in disputes arisen between two or more out of the following bodies: ETTU, *Member Association*, club affiliated to a *Member Association*;
  - impose disciplinary measures and/or sanctions on a *Member Association* or a club or on a player or official who is a member of a *Member Association* or a club, in the case of a violation of the *Constitution*, the *Regulations* or the official decisions of relevant *Authorities* (as e.g. the *Congress*, the *Executive Board*, etc.).
- BA.1.2 The *BoJ* is entitled to lodge itself a case as soon as it comes to its knowledge.
- BA.1.3. Any *Member Association* or, in the case of a *Club-Event*, any club affiliated to a *Member Association* is entitled to lodge a case either on its own behalf or on behalf of one of its members, as e.g. an official or a player affiliated to it or being otherwise under its authority.
- BA.1.4. The *BoJ* may give a ruling as a guide for future decisions; such a ruling may be made the subject of an appeal to the *Board of Appeal*, but it shall not affect the finality of any decision made earlier in that matter by a duly authorized person or body.

**BA.2 Holding court**

The *BoJ* shall hold court whenever its *Chairperson* considers it either necessary or required according to relevant regulations, or upon the request of three (3) of its members.

**BA.3 Language**

In relation with a lodged case, the *BoJ* as well as all other parties concerned by or involved in the case shall make use exclusively of the official *Language*.

**BA.4 Challenge of Judges**

If the nominating *Member Association* of a member of the *BoJ* or a club of this nominating *Member Association* is involved in a case, then the member concerned shall not take part neither in the procedure to settle the case nor in the relating decision making process.

**BA.5 Time-limits and deadlines**

A case lodged to the *BoJ* by either a *Member Association* or a club shall be submitted to the *Secretariat*, strictly respecting the applicable deadlines as laid own in the respectively relevant *Regulation*.

At the time of lodging a case, the lodging party shall simultaneously submit to the *Secretariat* all supporting documents and arguments relevant for and concerning the case.

**BA.6 Conformity issues**

Upon the relating decision of the *BoJ* Chairperson, a case may not be accepted, if it is not submitted in conformity with the provisions of the *Constitution*, the *Regulations* or the present rules.

**BA.7 Costs**

The costs of the procedure of the *BoJ* shall include the actual expenses and the lodging's fee of 1.000,- EUR. This latter fee shall be paid into the ETTU bank account mentioned in the *Handbook* and has to be received by the ETTU within eight (8) days of the submission of the case.

Principally, actual expenses arising from the *BoJ* instance, except for legal assistance, shall be charged to the guilty party in full or in part, according to the judgement of the case. Moreover, a party that by its behaviour has caused additional or superfluous expenses may be held responsible for part or all of such expenses, regardless of the judgement.

The *BoJ* shall decide on the procedure's costs and on the eventual return of the lodging's fee. It shall also apportion the costs among the parties as it deems fit. If a frivolous or irresponsible case is lodged, the *BoJ* may as well decide to retain an additional amount of maximum 500,- EUR. No payment of interest shall be made on return of the lodging's fee.

In any case, the *Member Association* concerned is responsible for covering the costs of the procedure for any case lodged to the *BoJ* either by itself or by one of its clubs.

**BA.8 Preliminary procedure**

The preliminary part of the proceedings shall be in writing, the *General Secretary* being responsible for the compilation of the case file.

As all the parties concerned by a case must have the possibility to examine the documents and arguments relating to the case, the case file shall at least contain the following:

- a) the lodging application;
- b) a detailed report of the facts;
- c) the conclusions and their motivation;
- d) the case relevant documents.

**BA.9 Reply**

Through the intermediary of the *General Secretary*, the *BoJ* shall inform the opposing or accused party (parties) within fifteen (15) days of the case lodging. The provisions of § AA.8 shall also apply to the reply and the relevant documents which are in hands of the opposing or accused party (parties) shall be attached to this reply as well.

The *BoJ* Chairperson shall take all necessary steps to speed up the settlement of a case as much as possible.

**BA.10 Means of evidence**

It is obligatory for any party concerned by or involved in a lodged case to provide the *BoJ* with the whole as well as the correct information on any request of interest and to provide any requested information at the earliest convenience.

The *BoJ* may extend its investigations to include facts that have not been put forward by the parties concerned, but which may have an influence on the judgement of the case.

**BA.11 Debates and presence of the parties**

BA.11.1 Following the exchange of the supporting documents, the *BoJ* Chairperson shall, if she considers it necessary, fix a date for debates at the shortest possible notice.

Any parties concerned by a case shall have the right to be present or represented at the debates of that case, if any, up to the resolution of the judgement. Only persons officially accredited or nominated by a *Member Association* or – eventually - by a club shall have the right to represent the Association or the club concerned. The number of Association's or club's representatives at the debates shall not be more than three (3), plus one interpreter, if necessary. The *BoJ* is competent to decide all questions concerning the representation of any party.

BA.11.2 The procedure of the *BoJ* as well as its judgement shall also be valid in the absence of one or more of the summoned parties.

BA.11.3 The parties concerned by a case shall be allowed to express their point of view. The parties may on that occasion complete the conclusions made in their submission.

BA.11.4 The *BoJ* may order a confrontation of parties. Any eventual refusal to submit to such confrontation shall be freely judged by the *BoJ*.

BA.11.5 If the circumstances so require, the *BoJ* may postpone the debates and decree all measures which it may consider appropriate to enlighten the case.

BA.11.6 After the oral declarations, the debates are closed and the *BoJ* shall pass its judgement in justice and fairness.

#### **BA.12 Decisions and Resolutions**

Decisions of the *BoJ* shall be taken with the majority of the votes cast, according to the provisions of chapter A.4.2. of the *Constitution*.

To be valid, a decision of the *BoJ* must have been taken by at least three (3) of its members.

The members of the *BoJ* are bound to secrecy in so far as the resolutions of the *BoJ* are concerned.

#### **BA.13 Communication and validity of the judgement**

BA.13.1 If present at the debates, the parties shall be orally informed of the *BoJ* judgement after the resolutions have been taken. The *BoJ* judgement shall also be forwarded, via the *Secretariat*, to the parties concerned in writing, in case of urgency by e-mail.

BA.13.2 The *BoJ* judgement shall come into force either with the dispatching of the written communication (by letter or e-mail) or on any other date as settled by the *BoJ*. The motivation of the judgement shall be briefly confirmed in writing.

BA.13.3 The *BoJ* may make public and briefly motivate decisions concerning matters of principle or particularly relevant cases.

#### **BA.14 Revision of the judgement**

Parties involved in a case settled by the *BoJ* may request a revision of the relating judgement if new facts or new circumstances have emerged, which have not been not known at the time of the *BoJ* resolutions. This request, including detailed information, has to be sent via the *Secretariat* to the *BoJ* Chairperson, who shall decide upon the appropriateness of a new settlement of the case.

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**BB RULES GOVERNING THE LEGAL PROCEDURE OF THE BOARD OF APPEAL****BB.1. Competencies**

- BB.1.1 According to the provisions of the *Constitution* and *Regulations* as well as of the *Catalogue of Disciplinary Sanctions*, the *Board of Appeal ('BoA')* may respectively shall:
- confirm, reject or modify a juridical decision of the *Board of Justice ('BoJ')*;
  - consider questions of interpretation of the *Constitution* or the *Regulations*, so far as such questions arise in a case brought forward to the *BoA*.
- BB.1.2 Any *Member Associations* or, in the case of a *Club-Event*, any club affiliated to a *Member Association* is entitled to lodge an appeal either on its own behalf or on behalf of one of its members, as e.g. an official or a player affiliated to it or being otherwise under its authority.
- BB.1.3 The claims of the parties are not binding on the *BoA*, which may alter a decision of the *BoJ* even to the disadvantage of the party lodging the appeal or of any other party.
- BB.1.4 The decisions of the *BoA* shall be final and binding to all parties concerned.
- BB.1.5 An appeal shall have no delaying effect, except for financial matters and for fines.

**BB.2 Holding court**

The *BoA* shall hold court whenever its Chairperson considers it either necessary or required according to relevant regulations, or upon the request of three (3) of its members.

**BB.3 Language**

In relation with a lodged appeal, the *BoA* as well as all other parties concerned by or involved in the case shall make use exclusively of the official *Language*.

**BB.4 Challenge of Judges**

If the nominating *Member Association* of a member of the *BoA* or a club of this nominating *Member Association* is involved in a case, then the member concerned shall not take part neither in the procedure to settle the case nor in the relating decision making process.

**BB.5 Time-limits and deadlines**

An appeal lodged to the *BoA* by either a *Member Association* or a club shall be submitted to the *Secretariat* within eight (8) days of the official dispatching of the judgement of the *BoJ*.

At the time of lodging an appeal, the lodging party shall simultaneously submit to the *Secretariat* all supporting documents and arguments relevant for and concerning the case.

**BB.6 Conformity issues**

Upon the relating decision of the *BoA* Chairperson, an appeal may not be accepted, if it is not submitted in conformity with the provisions of the *Constitution*, the *Regulations* or the present rules.

**BB.7 Costs**

The costs of the procedure of the *BoA* shall include the actual expenses and the appeal fee of 1.000,- EUR. This latter fee shall be paid into the ETTU bank account mentioned in the *Handbook* and has to be received by the ETTU within eight (8) days of the submission of the case.

Principally, actual expenses arising from the *BoJ* and *BoA* instances, except for legal assistance, shall be charged to the guilty party in full or in part, according to the judgement of the case. Moreover, a party that by its behaviour has caused additional or superfluous expenses may be held responsible for part or all of such expenses, regardless of the judgement.

The *BoA* shall decide on the procedure's costs and on the eventual return of the lodging's fee. It shall also apportion the costs among the parties as it deems fit. If a frivolous or irresponsible appeal is lodged, the *BoA* may as well decide to retain an additional amount of maximum 500,- EUR. No payment of interest shall be made on return of the lodging's fee.

In any case, the *Member Association* concerned is responsible for covering the costs of the procedure for any appeal lodged to the *BoA* either by itself or by one of its clubs.

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The preliminary part of the proceedings shall be in writing, the *General Secretary* being responsible for the compilation of the case file.

As all the parties concerned by an appeal must have the possibility to examine the documents and arguments relating to the appeal, the case file shall at least contain the following:

- a) the lodging application, including the decision of the *BoJ*;
- b) the conclusions and their motivation;
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**BB.9 Reply**

Through the intermediary of the *General Secretary*, the *BoA* shall inform any other party (parties) concerned within fifteen (15) days of the appeal lodging. The provisions of § BA.8 shall also apply to the reply and the relevant documents which are in hands of the other party (parties) shall be attached to this reply as well.

The *BoA* Chairperson shall take all necessary steps to speed up the settlement of an appeal as much as possible.

**BB.10 Means of evidence**

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#### **BB.14 Revision of the judgement**

Parties involved in a case settled by the *BoA* may request a revision of the relating judgement if new facts or new circumstances have emerged, which have not been not known at the time of the *BoA* resolutions. This request, including detailed information, has to be sent via the *Secretariat* to the *BoA* Chairperson, who shall decide upon the appropriateness of a new settlement of the case.

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**BC. CATALOGUE OF DISCIPLINARY MEASURES AND SANCTIONS**

**BC.1 General provisions**

- BC.1.1 *Member Associations*, clubs, club teams, players and coaches, as well as umpires and other persons fulfilling an official task at a *Competition* (= officials) shall all behave in accordance with the principles of **loyalty, integrity and sporting spirit**.
- BC.1.2 Any *Member Association*, club, club team, player, coach or official may be sanctioned in the case of a violation of the *Constitution*, the *Regulations* or the official decisions of relevant *Authorities*.
- BC.1.3 In any case, any *Member Association* is fully responsible for the clubs, club teams, players, coaches, officials and other persons representing it, affiliated to it or otherwise under its authority.
- BC.1.4 The *Executive Board* or the *Board of Justice* may impose disciplinary measures and sanctions according either to the present '*Catalogue of Disciplinary Measures and Sanctions*' or to other relevant *Regulations*.

**BC.2 Disciplinary sanctions in direct connection with Competitions**

- BC.2.1 There are two types of competitions to be distinguished:
- a) 'short-term' competitions, as e.g. tournaments, staged at one venue and played continuously;
  - b) 'long-term' competitions, as e.g. leagues, played at different venues and at different times, throughout a major part of one or more playing seasons.
- Protests and appeals shall be made as follows:
- at 'short-term' *Competitions* : according to the relevant ITTF rules or regulations;
  - at 'long-term' *Competitions*: according to the respectively relevant *Regulations*.
- BC.2.2 Any serious infringement upon ITTF or ETTU Regulations or rules, committed by a team, a player, a coach or an official, and which in the opinion of the referee, the organiser or the Jury of a *Competition* is of such a gravity to require a disciplinary sanction or another follow-up action, shall be brought to the knowledge of either the *Executive Board* or the *Board of Justice*.
- BC.2.3 In disciplinary matters, ETTU shall generally follow the ITTF policy, i.e. to disqualify the trespasser (team, player, coach, official) from the running *Competition* concerned and to report the case to its/his nominating Association, which shall take an appropriate action and/or impose an appropriate sanction.

**BC.3 Disciplinary sanctions by the Executive Board or the Board of Justice**

- BC.3.1 In addition to the cases mentioned in chapter AC.2 of this Catalogue, the following offences shall as well be subject to disciplinary action by the *Executive Board* and/or by the *Board of Justice*:
- a) a non-compliance with or a violation of official decisions, taken by relevant *Authorities* according to the *Constitution* and *Regulations*;
  - b) the supply on purpose of false or incomplete information to the *Executive Board* or to a *Juridical Board* in a case or an appeal brought forward;
  - c) any other unreasonable conduct which may bring the table tennis sport, ETTU, a *Member Association* or a club affiliated to a *Member Association* into disrepute;
  - d) any other non-conformity with or violation of ITTF and/or ETTU Regulations.
- In the case of, a full report of the facts, including the names and addresses of all persons concerned by the case as well as of any witnesses, shall be sent to the *Secretariat*.
- BC.3.2 The disciplinary sanctions which may be imposed by either the *Executive Board* or the *Juridical Boards* to *Member Associations*, clubs, club teams, players, coaches or officials are:
- a) a warning;
  - b) a financial fine;
  - c) a disqualification;
  - d) a suspension <sup>(\*)</sup>.

<sup>(\*)</sup> according to the relating provisions of the *Constitution*, an eventual suspension of a Member Association by the Executive Board shall be confirmed and endorsed by a relating decision to be taken by the *Congress* at its next following Meeting

Doping cases are regulated separately, through the relating chapter of the *Specific Regulations*.

## **C EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS (Team event 2014)**

### **C.1 AUTHORITY FOR ORGANISATION**

- C.1.1 The championships shall be organised by one member Association appointed by the ETTU.
- C.1.2 Application procedure and decision
- C.1.2.1 Any Association wishing to organise the championships shall send a written application to the General Secretary.
- C.1.2.2 The following conditions have to be acknowledged:
- The closing date for applications shall be specified by the Executive Board and notified to all Associations.
  - Applications must be in line with the relevant Regulations, Directives as well as the Technical and Economic Directives.
  - All details of organisation must be included in the presentation of the venue to the Executive Board, on the basis of the directives for presentations.
- C.1.2.3 The Regulations, the Technical and Economic Directives and the directives for presentations can be obtained from the General Secretary, who will also set the date for the presentations.
- C.1.2.4 The Executive Board, together with the chairman of the Technical Committee, shall appoint the organising Association, after the evaluation of the presentations held by the applicants.
- C.1.2.5 The championships shall be organised according to the provisions of a contract between ETTU and the Host Association to be signed no later than 8 months before the start of the event.

### **C.2 RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS**

- C.2.1 All international TV, Internet, equipment, advertising and marketing rights are vested in the ETTU. The exact distribution of responsibilities in these sectors shall be stated in the Technical and Economic Directives and finally laid down in the contract between ETTU and the organiser.
- In any case the splitting of the surrounds shall be as follows:  
 40% - title sponsor  
 20% - equipment sponsor  
 40% - organiser
- Corner boards: 2 for the organiser and 2 for ETTU.
- C.2.2 All gate receipts belong to the Host Association.

### **C.3 QUALIFICATION**

- C.3.1 The championships 2014 shall be open for entry in team events to all Member Associations whose subscriptions are not in arrears.
- C.3.2 Teams not having competed in the previous Championships will be allocated to the Standard Division.
- C.3.3 All players shall be eligible to represent their Associations in accordance with the provisions of article B.10.



**C.4 DATE AND DURATION**

- C.4.1 The Team Championships shall be held in end of September/beginning of October over a period of 5 (five) days.
- C.4.2 The organising Association, in cooperation with the ETTU Competition Manager, shall submit an outline playing schedule to the Chairman of the Technical Committee and to the General Secretary for approval no later than 6 months before the Championships.

**C.5 EVENTS**

- C.5.1 The Team Championships shall include men's team and women's team events
- C.5.1.2 For the team events a division format will be used, with
- 16 teams in the 1<sup>st</sup> division (Championships Division)
  - 16 teams in the 2<sup>nd</sup> division (Challenge Division) and
  - the remaining teams in the 3<sup>rd</sup> division (Standard Division), if there are at least three teams. If there are only two teams remained, they go to the 2<sup>nd</sup> division.

**C.6 ENTRY FEES AND LEVIES**

- C.6.1 The entry fees paid to the organising Association shall be 35 € for a team.
- C.6.2 There shall be, payable to the ETTU, a levy of 20.000 € for the team Championships on the organising Association and of 1.500 € on a team in the Championships Division, 1.000 € on a team in the Challenge Division and 500 € on a team in the Standard Division as well as a levy for each player of 30 €.
- C.6.3 The relevant entry fees must be paid to the Organising Committee together with the submission of entries to the European Championships. The relevant levies on the participating teams and players must be paid to the ETTU bank account at the time of the submission of entries. Otherwise, the entries will not be accepted.  
All teams that fail to arrive at the European Championships without notification in writing to the Organisers and the ETTU prior to the team draw will be fined by the ETTU Executive Board with an amount of up to 5,000 € and entry into the next European Championships will only be accepted if payment for entry fees and hospitality charges are made in full to the organisers at the same time as the entry form.
- C.6.4 The entry fees and levies as well as other pre-payment will not be refunded if an Association fails to arrive at the European Championships.

**C.7 ENTRIES**

**C.7.1 Numbers**

- C.7.1.1 An Association may enter only 1 team in each team event.
- C.7.1.2 Each Association shall be entitled to enter up to 5 players in a men's team and up to 5 players in a women's team.

## C.7.2 Entry Forms

C.7.2.1 The Prospectus shall be agreed by the organising Association with the General Secretary and shall be distributed to all the Member Associations.

C.7.2.2 Associations have to enter all their participants at the Championships through the online entry system determined by the ETTU. The online entry system will include a statement, to be agreed by an official of the nominating Association on behalf of its players and captains, that they understand and accept the conditions of the championships and that they are prepared to compete against all other teams participating.

## C.7.3 Modification

C.7.3.1 Associations are allowed to modify their online entries (no additional entries are allowed) only up to the relating deadline announced in the Prospectus (principally 5 working days before the start of the Championships). After this deadline no further changes are allowed anymore.

## C.8 HOSPITALITY

C.8.1 The organising Association shall cover **100%** of the cost of hospitality from the evening before the championships begin until the morning after they end for

C.8.1.1 **1 man and 1 woman player** of an Association that has entered both their teams in the event;

C.8.1.2 **1 man player** of an Association that has entered their men's team in the event;

C.8.1.3 **1 woman player** of an Association that has entered their women's team in the event;

C.8.2 The organising Association shall provide **free hospitality for 3 days / 2 nights for 1 delegate** from each Association attending the ETTU Congress during the championships. Delegates not attending the Congress will have to reimburse the organising Association.

C.8.3 The organising Association shall provide free hospitality from the evening before the championships begin until the morning after they end for

C.8.3.1 the Executive Board members, the ETTU Sub-Committee Chairmen, the Club Competitions, Press and Medical Officials or their deputies, the Competition Manager, the Honorary members and **8** ETTU staff members;

C.8.3.2 all invited foreign referees and umpires.

C.8.3 The organising Association shall provide free hospitality for all referees from the evening two days before the championships begin until the morning after they end, plus the travel expenses.

C.8.4 The costs of hospitality for persons not entitled to free hospitality, shall be agreed at least 6 months in advance by the Executive Board, and shall be subject to a contract between ETTU and the organising member Association.

C.8.5 The participating Associations have to use the accommodation provided by the organiser. The hospitality costs include: accommodation in a high level hotel (checked by ETTU), all meals of a high quality, the return transportation from the nearest international airport/railway station to the hotel and venue, the shuttle bus transportation during the competition hall/hotel, the accreditation to the competition with guaranteed seats for the final matches.

C.8.6 The organising Association shall provide free hospitality and reimburse the travel costs for the ETTU Competition Manager when he inspects the facilities and proposed playing conditions of the championships and when he conducts the draw for team events.

### **C.8.7 Cancellation fees**

C.8.7.1 An Association cancelling a person of their announced delegation after the deadline of the final entries up to 10 days before the Championships starts has to pay a cancellation fee of 100 € per person.

C.8.7.2 An Association cancelling a person of their announced delegation during the last 10 days before the championships or arriving with less persons than announced, have to pay 100 % of the hospitality costs for every person and for the whole period this person was initially nominated.

### **C.9 THE DRAW**

C.9.1 The draw for team events shall take place at least 30 days before the start of the championships and its outcome shall be published the day of the draw on the ETTU web-site.

C.9.2 For team events no entry will be accepted after the dead-line fixed in the prospectus.

C.9.3 Representatives of Associations participating shall be entitled to attend the draw, which shall be conducted by the ETTU Competition Manager.

C.9.4 The seeding for the team events in the Championships and Challenge Divisions shall be done on the basis of the final positions in the previous European Championships. The seeding for the team events in the Standard Division shall be done on the basis of a separate seeding list set up by the Ranking Committee.

### **C.10 JURY**

C.10.1 The Jury shall consist of the Chairmen of the Ranking, Referees and Umpires, and Technical Committees, (or their deputies), a representative of the organising Association and the Referee or his deputy.

C.10.2 The chairman of the Jury shall be the Chairman of the Technical Committee.

C.10.3 The ETTU Competition Manager must be attending the Jury meetings where he has right to speak and no right to vote.

Presence of any other person will be allowed only in case the Jury call them to defend or explain their positions or complains.

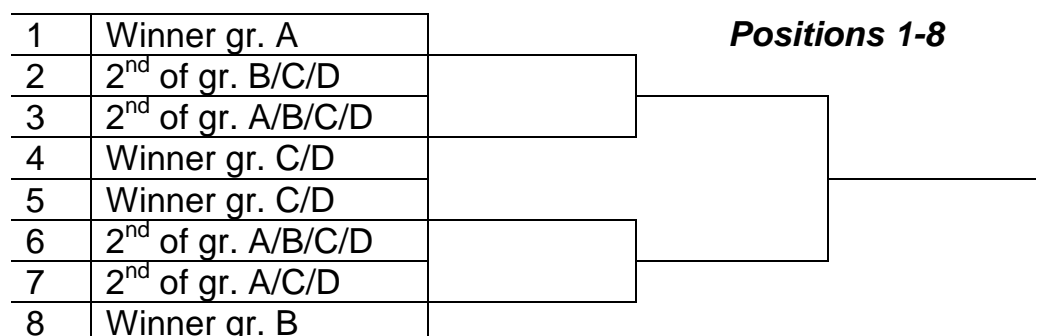
C.10.4 The Jury shall meet on the eve of the championships and at any other time when necessary.

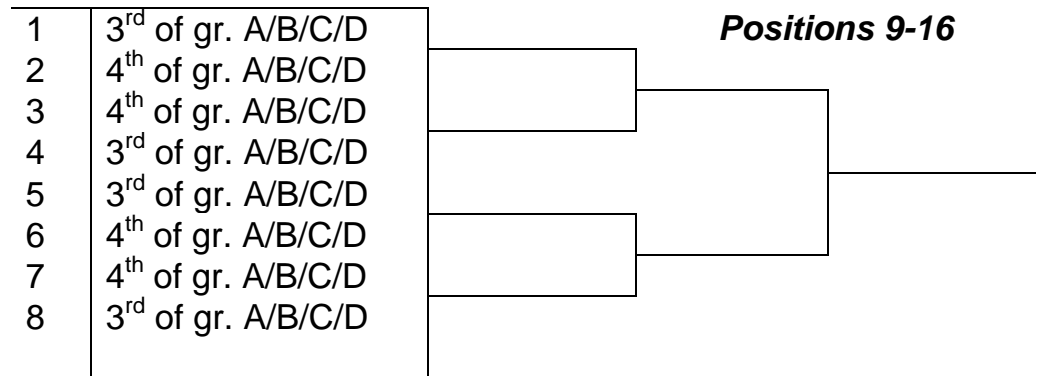
**C.11 SYSTEM OF PLAY for the TEAM EVENTS 2014**

**C.11.1. Championships Division:**

- C.11.1.1 The qualified teams are entitled to play for positions 1 – 16 of the Championships
- C.11.1.2 There will be 4 groups of 4 teams each. Every group shall play a complete round robin in stage 1 (3 matches per team). The seeding list will be provided by the Ranking Committee on the basis of the final positions from the team events in the previous European Championships. The draw will be conducted by placing the top 4 teams as No. 1 in groups A, B, C and D respectively, followed by drawing the remaining teams 2 by 2 according to the snake system into the 4 groups.
- C.11.1.3 In stage 2 the progressive knockout system will be used in order to determine the final position for every team, with the exception of a match for position 3 and 4. The top 2 teams from every group in stage 1 move to the quarterfinals, teams finishing 3 and 4 play for positions 9 to 16 (see diagram, which also shows the method for seeding and drawing).

The winner of group A goes to position 1, the winner of group B goes to position 8, the winners of group C and D shall be drawn between positions 4 and 5. The teams finishing in position 2 of the first stage groups shall be drawn by lot into the remaining places but in the opposite half to the winners of their initial groups. The teams finishing in position 3 of the first stage groups shall be drawn by lot between positions 1, 4, 5 and 8. The teams finishing in position 4 of the first stage groups shall be drawn by lot into the remaining places but in the opposite half to the teams ranked in position 3 of their initial groups.

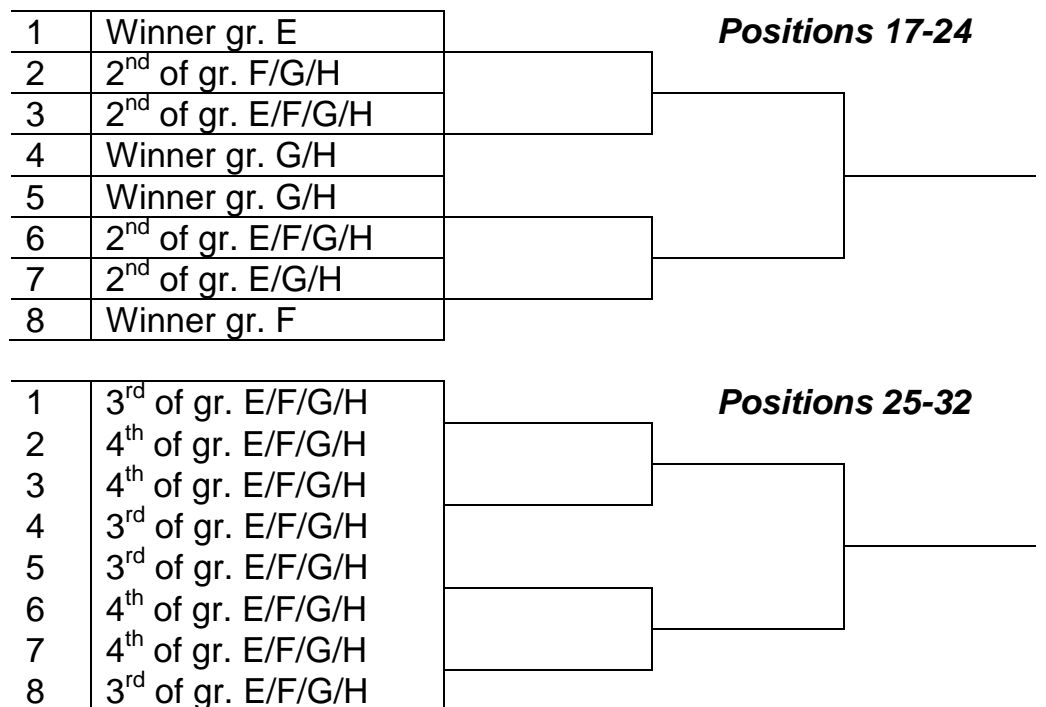




- C.11.1.4 Draw for the second stage will be conducted by the ETTU Competition Manager in close collaboration with the Referee and the Chairmen of the Technical and Ranking Committees.
- C.11.1.5 The winner of the second stage is the European Champion.
- C.11.1.6 The teams finishing in positions **15 and 16** are relegated to the Challenge Division of the next European Championships.

**C.11.2 Challenge Division:**

- C.11.2.1 The qualified teams are entitled to play for positions 17 to 32 of the Championships.
- C.11.2.2 There will be 4 groups with 4 teams each. Every group shall play a complete round robin in stage 1 (3 matches per team). The seeding list will be provided by the Ranking Committee on the basis of the final positions from the team events of the previous European Championships. The draw will be conducted by placing the top 4 teams as No. 1 in group E, F, G and H respectively, followed by drawing the remaining teams 2 by 2 according to the snake system into the 4 groups.
- C.11.2.3 In stage 2 the progressive knockout system will be used in order to determine the final position for every team. The top 2 teams from every group in stage 1 play for positions 17 to 24, teams finishing 3 and 4 play for positions 25 to 32 (see diagram, which also shows the method for seeding and drawing).  
 The winner of group E goes to position 1, the winner of group F goes to position 8, the winners of group G and H shall be drawn between positions 4 and 5. The teams finishing in position 2 of the first stage groups shall be drawn by lot into the remaining places but in the opposite half to the winners of their initial groups. The teams finishing in position 3 of the first stage groups shall be drawn by lot between positions 1, 4, 5 and 8. The teams finishing in position 4 of the first stage groups shall be drawn by lot into the remaining places but in the opposite half to the teams ranked in position 3 of their initial groups.



Draw for the second stage will be conducted by the ETTU Competition Manager in close collaboration with the Referee and the Chairmen of the Technical and Ranking Committees.

- C.11.2.4 The winner of the second stage is the winner of the European Championships – Challenge Division
- C.11.2.5 The teams finishing in positions **17 and 18** are promoted to the Championships Division of the next European Championships.
- C.11.2.6 The teams finishing in positions **31 and 32** are relegated to the Standard Division of the next European Championships.

### C.11.3 Standard Division

- C.11.3.1 The qualified teams are entitled to play for the remaining places in the Championships.
- C.11.3.2 Depending on the number of entries the playing format will be developed by the ETTU Executive Board.
- C.11.3.3 Seeding and drawing for both stages will be conducted by using the same principles as for the Championships and Challenge Divisions.
- C.11.3.4 The winner of the draw is the winner of the European Championships – Standard Division.
- C.11.3.5 The teams finishing in positions 33 and 34 are promoted to the Challenge Division of the next European Championships.

#### **C.11.4 Match Procedure**

- C.11.4.1 A men's or women's team shall consist of 3 or 4 players.
- C.11.4.2 Each team shall appoint a playing or non-playing captain and he, or a responsible deputy, shall be present throughout a match.
- C.11.4.3 A match shall consist of up to 5 singles and shall be played on 1 table.
- C.11.4.4 One team is considered to be composed of the players A1, A2, A3, and the other team is considered to be composed of the players B1, B2, B3.  
The order of play in a team match shall be A1 v B2, A2 v B1, A3 v B3, A1 v B1, A2 v B2, and the match shall end when a team has won 3 singles, each the best of 5 games.
- C.11.4.5 Before the match the captains shall decide by lot the right to choose A1-A2-A3 or B1-B2-B3 and shall nominate their players to the referee or his representative, assigning a letter to each player. After the second single in a team match, player N°4 of the team may replace player A1 or A2 (for the home team) respectively player B1 or B2 (for the away team). Such a player substitution must be announced by the respective team captain to the Referee at the latest before the start of the third single match.

#### **C.11.5 Default**

- C.11.5.1 An Association whose team is entered in the draw but which fails to compete in the event without adequate justification may be subject to disciplinary action by the ETTU Executive Board.
- C.11.5.2 A team may begin, continue and complete a team match only with a full complement of players, except that the Referee may, at his discretion, allow a team to play with one player absent or an individual match to be omitted from the sequence where he is satisfied that the absence is due to accident, illness, injury or other circumstances outside the control of the player or the Association concerned, including disqualification by the Referee in accordance with his authority.
- C.11.5.3 An Association whose team begins to play in the team event but which fails to complete its schedule of matches shall be liable to forfeit its entitlement to hospitality for its representatives at the Championships; appeal against such forfeit may be made to the Jury, whose decision shall be final.

#### **C.11.7. Host Association**

- In case a team of the Host Association does not qualify for the Championships Division of the competition proper, it shall replace the last team originally qualified according to following procedure:
- the host Association's team will eventually not be relegated from the Championships Division, but will stay in this Division;

- the host Association's team will eventually be promoted from the Challenge Division to the Championships Division;
- the host Association's team will eventually be promoted from the Standard Division to the Challenge Division;

If this situation arises, only one team will be promoted, either from the Challenge Division to the Championships Division or from the Standard Division to the Challenge Division.

## **C.12 TROPHIES AND AWARDS**

C.12.1 Trophies for the winners of team events shall be presented, as follows:

C.12.1.1 Men's Team

C.12.1.2 Women's Team

C.12.2 The organising Association shall provide new trophies for each Championship.

C.12.3 Trophy, medals and plaques shall be presented by representatives of the ETTU and of the organising Association to the members including non-playing captains, of teams finishing 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> in team events Championships Division, to the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in team events Challenge- and Standard Divisions.

## **C.13 FLAGS AND ANTHEMS**

C.13.1 At award ceremonies the national flags of winners, runners-up and losing semi-finalists of team events shall be raised and the national anthems of the winners of those events in Championships divisions shall be played.

## **C.14 REFEREES AND UMPIRES**

C.14.1 Latest 6 months before the event, the ETTU Umpires and Referees Committee shall send to the General Secretary for the Executive Board's approval the proposal for appointing a Referee and, latest 4 months before, for one or more Deputy Referees. All these officials shall be International Referees from an ETTU member Association. If available at least one member of the referee team shall be from the Organising Association. All referees shall arrive at the venue two days before the start of the event.

C.14.2 All umpires shall be International Umpires. At least 1/3 of the total of umpires needed shall be from foreign ETTU Member Associations. Not later than 5 months before the event, the ETTU Umpires and Referees Committee, after coordination with the Organising Association, will post a public call for umpires interested to officiate at the event onto the ETTU homepage, and will send respective invitations to all European Associations. Together with the Organising Association, the ETTU Umpires and Referees Committee will set up a list of the appointed number of umpires; such decisions of the ETTU URC are final. No later than three months before the event, the ETTU shall inform the associations about the selections and post the list onto the ETTU URC homepage. For all matches during the Championships the umpires shall be from Associations other than those of the players in the match.



C.14.3 All invited foreign officials shall receive from the Organising Association a daily allowance equivalent to 15 €.

**C.15 PROGRAMME**

The official programme shall specify that the championships are held under the auspices of the ETTU and shall include, on an early page, the names of all Executive Board members.

**C.16 FACILITIES**

C.16.1 The organising Association shall ensure free access to any part of the playing hall for all persons mentioned in C.8.3.1 and shall provide them with preferential seats throughout the championships.

C.16.2 During the period of the championships the organising Association shall make available to the ETTU rooms and facilities for the General Meeting and committee meetings.

C.16.3 During the Championships an area with seats shall be specifically allocated to team doctors and/or physiotherapists close to the playing area.

C.16.4 The organiser shall provide to the medical teams one or several safety lockers in the sport hall.

**C.17 ELECTRONIC TOURNAMENT SYSTEM**

C.17.1 ETTU approved electronic tournament system MUST be used in all European Championships.

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## **D EUROPEAN YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS**

### **D.1 AUTHORITY FOR ORGANISATION**

- D.1.1 The championships shall consist of events for juniors and for cadets; they shall be organised by **one** member Association appointed by the ETTU.
- D.1.2 Application procedure and decision
- D.1.2.1 Any Association wishing to organise the championships shall send a written application to the General Secretary.
- D.1.2.2 The following conditions have to be acknowledged:
- The closing date for applications shall be specified by the Executive Board and notified to all Associations.
  - Applications must be in line with the relevant Regulations, Directives as well as the Technical and Economic Directives.
  - All details of organisation must be included in the presentation of the venue to the Executive Board, on the basis of the directives for presentations.
- D.1.2.3 The Regulations, the Technical and Economic Directives and the directives for presentations can be obtained from the General Secretary, who will also set the date for the presentations.
- D.1.2.4 The Executive Board, together with the chairman of the Youth Committee, shall appoint the organising Association, after the evaluation of the presentations held by the applicants.
- D.1.2.5 The championships shall be organised according to the provisions of a contract between ETTU and the Host Association to be signed no later than or 18 months before the start of the event.

### **D.2 RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS**

- D.2.1 All international TV, Internet, equipment, advertising and marketing rights are vested in the ETTU. The exact distribution of responsibilities in these sectors shall be stated in the Technical and Economic Directives and finally laid down in the contract between ETTU and the organiser.
- D.2.2 All gate receipts belong to the Host Association.

### **D.3 QUALIFICATION**

- D.3.1 The championships shall be open for entry to all member Associations whose subscriptions are not in arrears.
- D.3.2 All players must be eligible to represent their Associations in accordance with the provisions of article B.10.
- D.3.3 Junior players shall be under 18 years of age and cadet players shall be under 15 years of age on 31<sup>st</sup> December immediately before the start of the year in which the championships will take place.
- D.3.4 A cadet who competes in a junior event may not compete in the corresponding cadet event.

**D.4 DATE and DURATION**

- D.4.1 The championships shall be held every year during the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of July over a period of 10 days, including – if possible - a rest day.
- D.4.2 The organising Association shall submit an outline playing schedule to the Chairman of the Youth Committee for approval.

**D.5 EVENTS**

- D.5.1 The championships shall include boys' team, girls' team, boys' singles, girls' singles, boys' doubles, girls' doubles and mixed doubles events for juniors and cadets.
- D.5.2 There shall be also consolation events for players defeated in the qualifying stages and in the first round of the singles events.
- D.5.3 The final ranking of the junior boy's and girl's team events determines the qualification for the same year's World Junior Championships.

**D.6 ENTRY FEE and LEVIES**

- D.6.1 The entry fee paid to the organising Association shall be 40 € for each participating Association and there shall be a levy of 125 € on each Association participating in a junior team event, payable to the ETTU.
- D.6.2 The relevant entry fee must be paid to the Organising Committee together with the submission of entries to the European Youth Championships. Otherwise, the entries will not be accepted.  
All teams that fail to arrive at the European Youth Championships without notification in writing to the Organisers and the ETTU prior to the team draw will be fined by the ETTU General Secretary with an amount of up to 5,000 € and entry into next European Youth Championships will only be accepted if payment of entry fees and hospitality charges are made in full to the organisers at the same time as the entry form.
- D.6.3 The entry fees and levies as well as other pre-payment will not be refunded if an Association fails to arrive to the European Youth Championships.

**D.7 ENTRIES**

**D.7.1 Numbers**

- D.7.1.1 An Association may enter only 1 team in each team event.
- D.7.1.2 The organising Association shall be entitled to enter up to 20 players, consisting of not more than 6 junior boys, 6 junior girls, 4 cadet boys and 4 cadet girls, but may not enter more than 5 junior boys and 5 junior girls for the team events.
- D.7.1.3 Each other Association shall be entitled to enter up to 18 players, consisting of not more than 5 junior boys, 5 junior girls, 4 cadet boys and 4 cadet girls.  
A cadet player is allowed to complete a junior team and complete an incomplete junior double, but is not allowed to participate in the junior singles. In any case the total number of cadet boys or cadet girls players entered shall not exceed four (4).

## **D.7.2 Entry Forms**

- D.7.2.1 Entry forms shall be agreed in consultation with the General Secretary and shall include a statement, to be signed by an official of the nominating Association on behalf of its players and captains, that they understand and accept the conditions of the championships and that they are prepared to compete against all other teams and individuals participating.
- D.7.2.2 Entry forms shall be sent by the organising Association to all member Associations not later than 3 months before the start of the championships.
- D.7.2.3 Completed entry forms shall be sent to the ETTU Secretariat not later than two months before the start of the championships.
- D.7.2.4 The General Secretary will accept only entry forms which are received properly signed by a representative of the nominating Association, on or before the closing date; in no circumstances ETTU may accept entries other than formal nominations by an eligible Association.

## **D.7.3 Modification**

- D.7.3.1 The General Secretary may accept alterations of names only, if notified by a representative of the nominating Association and only up to the deadline fixed in the prospectus, with the possibility to complete, up to the first jury meeting, the team in case of illness or injury.
- D.7.3.2 After the draw for the team event, the General Secretary may accept replacement(s) of players in a team only if the total number of ranking points of the 3 (for junior teams) or 2 (for cadet teams) highest ranked players per team in the current ranking will not bring the team to a higher position after the replacement(s), than the position of this team that had been taken into account for the draw.
- D.7.3.3 A player included in a team or individual event may be allowed to pair with the partner of an absent, ill or injured player in a doubles event, provided he is not already entered in that event with a partner who is present and fit to play.

## **D.8 HOSPITALITY**

- D.8.1 The organising Association shall provide 50% of the cost of hospitality (on the bases of the price for a double room) from the evening before the championships begin until the morning after they end for
  - D.8.1.1 up to 6 players of an Association entering at least 2 junior teams or 1 junior team and 2 cadet teams;
  - D.8.1.2 up to 5 players of an Association entering 1 junior team and 1 cadet team;
  - D.8.1.3 up to 4 players of an Association entering 2 cadet teams;
  - D.8.1.4 up to 3 players of an Association entering 1 junior team;
  - D.8.1.5 up to 2 players of an Association entering only 1 cadet team or only individual players;

- D.8.1.6 up to 2 officials of an Association entering 4 teams;
- D.8.1.7 1 official of any other Association entering teams or players.
- D.8.1.8 Cancellation fees**
- D.8.1.8.1 An Association cancelling a person of their announced delegation after the deadline of the final entries up to 10 days before the Championships starts has to pay a cancellation fee of 100 € per person.
- D.8.1.8.2 An Association cancelling a person of their announced delegation during the last 10 days before the championships or arriving with less persons than announced, has to pay 50 % of the hospitality costs for every missing person and for the whole period this (these) person(s) was (were) initially nominated.
- D.8.2 The organising Association shall provide free hospitality from the evening before the championships begin until the morning after they end for
  - D.8.2.1 the Executive Board members, the Press and the Medical Officials or their deputies, the Chairmen of the Youth, Ranking and Teaching and Training Committees, up to 4 Youth Committee members and three ETTU staff members;
  - D.8.2.2 all invited foreign umpires;
  - D.8.2.3 the organising Association shall provide free hospitality from the evening two days before the championships begin until the morning after they end for all foreign referees;
  - D.8.2.4 the participating Associations have to use the accommodation provided by the organiser. The hospitality costs include accommodation in a high level hotel (checked by ETTU), all meals of a high quality, transport from the airport/railway station to the hotel and venue, the shuttle bus transportation during the competition hall/hotel, the accreditation to the competition with guaranteed seats for the final matches.
- D.8.3 The organising Association shall provide free hospitality and reimburse the travel costs for the Chairman of the Youth Committee and the representative of the Executive Committee when they inspect the facilities and proposed playing conditions of the championships and of the Chairman of the Youth Committee or his representative when he conducts the draw for team events.
- D.8.4 The cost of hospitality for persons not entitled to free hospitality shall be agreed at least one year in advance by the Executive Board.
- D.9 THE DRAW**
- D.9.1 The draw for team events shall take place at least 30 days before the start of the championships and its outcome shall be circulated to all participants not later than 10 days after it has taken place.
- D.9.2 For team events and individual events, no entry will be accepted after the dead-line fixed in the prospectus.

- D.9.3 All teams that did not inform the Organising Committee of their exact arrival time (in case of air or train) or expected arrival time in case of road transportation will be automatically removed 12 hours before the Jury Meeting.
- D.9.4 The draw for individual events shall take place during the team events.
- D.9.5 Representatives of Associations participating shall be entitled to attend the draw, which shall be conducted by the Chairman of the Youth Committee.
- D.9.6 Seeding for team events and individual events shall be based upon the additional regulations in Annex 1.
- D.9.7 The official ETTU computer software must be used.

**D.10 JURY**

- D.10.1 The Jury shall consist of the Chairman or a member of the Youth Committee, the Chairman or a member of the Ranking Committee, a representative of the organising Association and the Referee or his deputy.
- D.10.2 The chairman of the Jury shall be the Chairman or a member of the Youth Committee.
- D.10.3 All members of the Jury shall have the right to speak and to vote.
- D.10.4 The Jury shall meet on the eve of the championships and at any other time when necessary.

**D.11 TEAM EVENTS**

**D.11.1 System of Play**

- D.11.1.1 Team events shall be played in several stages. The first stage shall be played in groups and the following stages either in groups, or in “progressive K.O.”, or in play-off matches. All teams taking part in the Championships shall have the possibility to win the title of European Champion.
- D.11.1.2 In the first stage the teams shall be divided into 2 levels and assigned to groups according to their final positions after the previous Championships. Teams that did not take part in the previous Championships shall be classified according to the principles proposed by the Ranking Committee and approved by the Executive Committee.
- D.11.1.3 Allocation of match points and ranking order in groups**
- D.11.1.3.1 In a group, 2 match points shall be awarded for a win, 1 for a loss in a played match and 0 for a loss in a not played or unfinished match, and the ranking order shall be determined primarily by the numbers of match points gained.
- D.11.1.3.2 Where 2 or more teams in a group have gained the same number of match points, their relative positions shall be determined by the results only of matches between them, taking successively the numbers of match points and the ratios of wins to losses in individual matches, games and points, as far as is necessary to determine the order.
- D.11.1.3.3 If after any step the positions of one or more teams have been determined while others are still equal, the results of matches in which those teams took part shall be excluded

from any further calculations needed to resolve the equalities in accordance with the procedure of D.10.1.3.1 and D.10.1.3.2.

D.11.1.3.4 Where 2 or more teams have gained the same number of match points and have the same ratios of wins to losses in individual matches, games and points, their relative positions shall be decided by lot.

D.11.1.4 Details of the playing system and seeding for team and individual events are described in Annex 2.

**D.11.2 Junior Boys' and Junior Girls' Teams**

D.11.2.1 A junior team shall consist of 3 players.

D.11.2.2 Each team shall appoint a non-playing captain and he, or a responsible deputy, shall be present throughout the match.

D.11.2.3 A match shall consist of up to 5 singles and shall be played on 1 table.

D.11.2.4 Before the match the captains shall decide by lot the right to choose A,B,C or X,Y,Z and shall nominate their singles players to the Referee or his representative, assigning a letter to each player.

D.11.2.5 The order of play shall be A v X, B v Y, C v Z, A v Y, B v X and the match shall end when a team has won 3 individual matches, each the best of 5 games.

**D.10.3 Cadet Teams**

D.11.3.1 A cadet team shall consist of 2, 3 or 4 players.

D.11.3.2 Each team shall appoint a non-playing captain and he, or a responsible deputy, shall be present throughout the match.

D.11.3.3 Before the match the captains shall decide by lot the right to choose A,B or X,Y and shall nominate their singles players to the Referee or his representative, assigning a letter to each player; a captain need not name his doubles pair until the completion of the first 2 singles matches..

D.11.3.4 The order of play shall be A v X, B v Y, the doubles, A v Y, B v X and the match shall end when a team has won 3 individual matches, each the best of 5 games.

D.11.3.5 A player who is required to play in successive matches is entitled to an interval of up to 5 minutes between these matches.

**D.11.4 Default**

D.11.4.1 An Association whose team is entered in the draw but which fails to compete in the event without adequate justification may be subject to disciplinary action, imposed by the General Secretary.

D.11.4.2 A team may begin, continue and complete a team match only with a full complement of players, except that the referee may, at his discretion, allow a team to play with one player absent or an individual match to be omitted from the sequence where he is satisfied that the absence is due to accident, illness, injury or other circumstances outside the control of the player or the Association

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## **D.12 INDIVIDUAL EVENTS**

- D.12.1 Individual events shall be played on a knockout basis, with matches determined in the singles events by the best of 7 games and in the doubles events by the best of 5 games.

## **D.13 TROPHIES AND AWARDS**

- D.13.1 Plaques shall be presented to the winners of team and individual events by representatives of the Associations, which donated the challenge trophies, as follows:

D.13.1.1	Junior Boys' Team	Germany
D.13.1.2	Junior Girls' Team	France
D.13.1.3	Junior Boys' Singles	Hungary
D.13.1.4	Junior Girls' Singles	Romania
D.13.1.5	Junior Boys' Doubles	Austria
D.13.1.6	Junior Girls' Doubles	Netherlands
D.13.1.7	Junior Mixed Doubles	Czech Republic or Slovakia
D.13.1.8	Cadet Boys' Team	Spain
D.13.1.9	Cadet Girls' Team	Wales
D.13.1.10	Cadet Boys' Singles	Italy
D.13.1.11	Cadet Girls' Singles	Switzerland
D.13.1.12	Cadet Boys' Doubles	Sweden
D.13.1.13	Cadet Girls' Doubles	Belgium
D.13.1.14	Cadet Mixed Doubles	Greece

- D.13.2 In addition, medals shall be presented to all members, including non-playing captains, of teams placed 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> in team events and to winners, runners-up and losing semi-finalists of individual events.

- D.13.3 There shall be no plaques, medals or presentations for consolation events.

## **D.14 FLAGS and ANTHEMS**

- D.14.1 At award ceremonies for both, team and individual events, the national flags of winners, runners-up and losing semi-finalists shall be raised and the national anthems of winners shall be played.

## **D.15 REFEREES and UMPIRES**

- D.15.1 Latest 6 months before the event, the ETTU Umpires and Referees Committee shall send to the Secretary General for the Executive Board's approval the proposal for appointing a Referee and, latest 4 months before, for one or more Deputy Referees. All these officials shall be International Referees from an ETTU Member Association; if



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For all matches during the Championships the umpires shall be from Associations other than those of the players in the match.

D.15.3 All invited foreign officials shall receive a daily allowance equivalent to 15 €.

## **D.16 PROGRAMME**

D.16.1 The official programme shall specify that the championships are held under the auspices of the ETTU and shall include, on an early page, the names of all Executive Committee members.

## **D.17 FACILITIES**

D.17.1 The organising Association shall ensure free access to any part of the playing hall for all persons mentioned in D.7.2.1, D.7.2.2 and D.7.2.3 and shall provide them with preferential seats throughout the championships.

D.17.2 During the period of the championships the organising Association shall make available to the ETTU rooms and facilities for committee meetings.

D.17.3 During the Championships an area with seats shall be specifically allocated to team doctors and/or physiotherapists close to the playing area.

D.17.4 The organiser shall provide to the medical teams one or several safety lockers in the sport hall.

## **D.18 TITLE SPONSORING**

D.17.1 If a title sponsor has been appointed for the championships, the Associations shall use the correct denomination in all publications under their responsibility concerning the event.

An Association failing to use the correct event denomination shall be fined by the ETTU General Secretary and made responsible for the payment of all undisputed damages claimed by the title sponsor.

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## **D EUROPEAN YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS**

### **1. Junior Categories:**

- 1.1 Seeding for junior team events shall be based on the World Rankings for juniors and in addition on the total number of ranking points for the 3 highest ranked players per team.
- 1.2 Seeding for the individual events of the junior categories shall be based on the current World Rankings for juniors.
- 1.3 For the seeding of doubles pairs, additional points may be given to players or pairs with good results in doubles during the current season.

### **2. Cadet Categories:**

- 2.1 Seeding for cadet team events shall be based on the modified European Cadet Ranking (ECR) system and in addition on the total number of ranking points for the 2 highest ranked players per team in this Ranking (at the time of the draw). In case the ranking of a strong cadet player is clearly different in the ECR and in the WR, the Ranking Committee may change the position of this player accordingly on the seeding lists.
- 2.2 The seeding from 1 to 16 in the singles events shall be based on the current WR and for the other seeded players in the singles on the current ECR. If one or more players from the top 16 on the current WR will not participate in the EYC, the seeding from 1 to 16 in the singles will be completed according to the current WR. The seeding for the doubles shall be based on the current ECR. The Ranking Committee may change the position of a player in case a clear difference in the ECR and in the WR.
- 2.3 For the seeding of doubles pairs, additional points may be given to players or pairs with good results in doubles during the current season.

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## **PLAYING SYSTEM FOR THE TEAM EVENTS**

### **THE TOTAL NUMBER OF TEAMS ENTERED IS HIGHER THAN 36**

**STAGE I:** The teams are divided in 2 levels:

**LEVEL 1:** 16 teams: 4 groups [A,B,C,D] of 4 teams. **The top 15 teams of the final ranking of the previous Championships and the teams having finished in position 17 (i.e. the winner of Stage III, Level 2).**

**LEVEL 2:** The remaining teams: 6 groups [E,F,G,H,I,J] of 3, 4 or 5 teams, depending on the number of entries **The team having finished 16, 18 or lower in the final ranking of the previous Championships and all teams not having participated in the previous Championships.**

**STAGE II: Play off matches:**

1. 2 play off matches between the 3rds of the STAGE 1/LEVEL 1 groups, play-off matches of which the winners play in STAGE II/LEVEL 1 and the losers play a second play-off match against the winners of the STAGE I/LEVEL 2 Groups.
2. 6 play-off matches between the winners of the STAGE 1/LEVEL 2 Groups, and the 4ths of the STAGE 1/LEVEL 1 Groups and the 3rds of STAGE 1/LEVEL 1 Groups who lost the first play-off matches mentioned in point 1.

**STAGE III:**

**LEVEL 1: Final places 1 to 16**

Progressive K.O. format for 16 teams being

- the first 2 of each of the 4 STAGE 1/LEVEL 1 groups 8
- the winners of the 2 play-offs matches between the 3rds of the STAGE LEVEL 1 groups 2
- the winners of the 6 play-off matches Nr 2 6

The team finishing in position 16 is relegated to Level 2 in Stage 1 of the **following** Championships.

**LEVEL 2: Final places 17 to 28**

4 groups [K,L,M,N] of 3 teams and afterwards 2 Finals and Finals between the first, second and third of each group

- the losers of the 6 play-off matches Nr 2 6
- the 2nds of the 6 STAGE 1/LEVEL 2 groups 6

The team finishing in position 17 is promoted to Level 1 in Stage 1 of the **following** Championships.

**LEVEL 3: Final places 29 to xxx**

- the 3rds and 4ths of the 6 STAGE 1/LEVEL 2 groups

**With 37 entries:** 3 groups [O,P,Q] of 3 and afterwards 3 new groups [R,S, T] of 3 with the 1sts, 2nds and 3rds of the first groups of 3

**With 38 entries:** 2 groups of 3 and 1 of 4 [O,P,Q] and afterwards 3 new groups [R,S,T] of 3 with the 1sts, 2nds and 3rds of the first groups of 3

**With 39 entries:** 1 groups of 3 and 2 of 4 [O,P,Q] and afterwards 3 new groups [R,S,T] of 3 with the 1sts, 2nds and 3rds of the first groups of 3 and a final match between the two 4ths of first groups of 4

**With 40 entries:** 4 groups of 3 [O,P,Q,R] and afterwards □ Finals and Finals between the 1sts, 2nds and 3rds of the first groups of 3.

## DRAWS - MORE THAN 36 TEAMS

### STAGE I:

Seeding for junior team events shall be based on the World Rankings for juniors and in addition on the total number of ranking points for the 3 highest ranked players per team.

Seeding for cadet team events shall be based on the modified European Cadet Ranking (ECR) system and in addition on the total number of ranking points for the 2 highest ranked players per team in this Ranking (at the time of the draw). In case the ranking of a strong cadet player is clearly different in the ECR and in the WR, the Ranking Committee may change the position of this player accordingly on the seeding lists.

#### LEVEL 1:

- The teams ranked 1, 2, 3 and 4 shall be placed in descending ranking order respectively at the top of Groups A, B, C and D.
- The teams ranked 5 and 6 shall be drawn among Groups C and D.
- The teams ranked 7 and 8 shall be drawn among Groups A and B.
- The teams ranked 9 and 12 shall be drawn among the 4 groups.
- Finally the teams ranked 13, 14, 15 and 16 shall be drawn among the 4 groups.

#### LEVEL 2:

- The teams ranked 17 to 22 shall be placed in descending ranking order respectively at the top of Groups E, F, G, H, I and J.
- The remaining teams shall be drawn 2 by 2 among the 6 groups taking into account the “snake system” rule.
- **If the number of teams is not a multiple of 6 the last remaining teams shall be drawn among the groups taking into account the “snake system” rule.**

### STAGE II:

- For the play-off matches Nr 1, there shall be a free draw among the 4 teams having finished 3rd in the STAGE 1/LEVEL 1 groups.

For the play-off matches Nr 2

- the losers of play-off matches Nr 1 shall be drawn each against the winner of one of the groups G, H, I or J.
- the 4ths of the STAGE 1/LEVEL 1 matches shall be drawn each against a winner of one of the remaining STAGE 1/LEVEL 2 Groups

### STAGE III:

#### LEVEL 1:

- A1 shall be placed in position 1.
- B1 shall be placed in position 16.
- C1 and D1 shall be drawn among positions 8 or 9.
- A2, B2, C2 and D2 shall be drawn among position 4, 5, 12 or 13, but in the opposite half of the first team of their initial group.
- The 2 winners of the STAGE II play-off matches Nr. 1 shall be drawn among positions 3, 6, 11, or 14, but in another quarter than the first two of their initial group.
- The 6 winners of the play-off matches Nr 2 shall be drawn among the remaining places, starting with the teams who played in LEVEL 1 in STAGE 1, which teams shall be drawn in a quarter not containing already a team of their initial group. Furthermore when one of those teams is a loser of one of the play-off matches Nr. 1, it shall be drawn as far as possible from the winner of that match.

#### LEVEL 2:

The 6 losers of the play-off matches Nr 2 shall be drawn freely among the groups K, L, M and N (not more than 2 in a same group)

The 2nds of the STAGE 1/LEVEL 2 Groups shall be drawn freely among the remaining places, **but not in a group containing already a team of their initial group.**

**After the groups K,L,M and N are finished, the teams of Group K play against those of Group L and the teams of Group M play against those of Group N.**

#### LEVEL 3:

The 3rds of the 6 STAGE 1/LEVEL 1 groups shall be drawn among the Groups O, P and Q (2 in each group) *(Or with 40 or more teams among the groups O, P, Q and R).*

The 4ths of the 6 STAGE 1/LEVEL 1 groups shall be drawn in the remaining places, **but not in a group containing already a team of their initial group.**

**After the groups**, with 40 or more teams, the teams of Group O play against those of Group P and those of Group Q against those of Group R.

## THE TOTAL NUMBER OF TEAMS ENTERED IS 36 OR LOWER

### STAGE I:

**LEVEL 1:** Same system as in the chapter “THE TOTAL NUMBER OF TEAMS ENTERED IS HIGHER THAN 36”.

**LEVEL 2:** The remaining teams.

4 groups [E,F,G,H] of 3, 4 or 5 teams, depending on the number of entries. **The team having finished 16, 18 or lower in the final ranking of the previous Championships and all teams not having participated in the previous Championships.**

### **STAGE II: Play-off matches**

1. 4 play-off matches between the teams finishing 3rd in the STAGE I/LEVEL 1 groups and the teams finishing 2nd in the STAGE I/LEVEL 2 groups 4
2. 4 play-off matches between the teams finishing 4th in the STAGE I/LEVEL 1 groups and the teams finishing 1st in the STAGE I/LEVEL 2 groups 4

### STAGE III:

#### **LEVEL 1: Final places 1 to 16**

Progressive K.O. format for 16 teams, being

- the first 2 of each of the 4 STAGE I/LEVEL 1 groups 8
- the winners of the 4 play-off matches between the 3rds of the STAGE I/LEVEL 1 groups and the 2nds of the STAGE I/LEVEL 2 groups 4
- the winners of the 4 play-off matches between the 4ths of the STAGE I/LEVEL 1 Groups and the 1sts of the STAGE I/LEVEL 2 Groups 4

The team finishing in position 16 is relegated to Level 2 in Stage 1 of the following Championships.

#### **LEVEL 2: Final places 17 to 24**

Progressive K.O. format for 8 teams, being

- the losers of the 4 play-off matches between the 3rds of the STAGE I/LEVEL 1 groups and the 2nds of the STAGE I/LEVEL 2 groups 4
- the losers of the 4 play-off matches between the 4ths of the STAGE I/LEVEL 1 groups and the 1sts of the STAGE I/LEVEL 2 groups 4

The team finishing in position 17 is promoted to Level 1 in Stage I of the following Championships.

#### **LEVEL 3: Final places 25 to xxx**

- the 3rds, 4ths and 5ths of the STAGE I/LEVEL 2 groups

**With 36 entries:** 4 groups of 3 [O,P,Q,R] and afterwards 2 Finals and Finals between the 1sts, the 2nds and the 3rds of the first groups

**With 35 entries:** 3 groups of 3 and 1 group of 2 [O,P,Q,R] and afterwards 2 Finals and Finals between the 1sts, 2nds and 3rds of the first groups.

**With 34 entries:** 2 groups of 5 [O,P] and afterwards Finals between the 1sts, 2nds, 3rds, 4ths and 5ths of the 2 first groups.

**With 33 entries:** 1 group of 5 and 1 group of 4 [O,P] and afterwards Finals between the 1sts, 2nds, 3rds and 4ths of the first two groups

**With 32 entries:** 2 groups of 4 [O,P] and afterwards Finals between the 1sts, 2nds, 3rds and 4ths of the first two groups

**With 31 entries:** 1 group of 4 and 1 group of 3 [O,P] and afterwards Finals between the 1sts, 2nds and 3rds of the first two groups

**With 30 entries:** 1 group of 6 teams [O]

**With 29 entries:** 1 group of 5 teams [O]

**With 28 entries:** 1 group of 4 teams [O]

## DRAWS - 36 TEAMS OR LESS

### Stage I

Seeding for junior team events shall be based on the World Rankings for juniors and in addition on the total number of ranking points for the 3 highest ranked players per team.

Seeding for cadet team events shall be based on the modified European Cadet Ranking (ECR) system and in addition on the total number of ranking points for the 2 highest ranked players per team in this Ranking (at the time of the draw). In case the ranking of a strong cadet player is clearly different in the ECR and in the WR, the Ranking Committee may change the position of this player accordingly on the seeding lists.

#### LEVEL 1

- The teams ranked 1, 2, 3 and 4 shall be placed in descending ranking order respectively at the top of Groups A, B, C and D.
- The teams ranked 5 and 6 shall be drawn among Groups C and D.
- The teams ranked 7 and 8 shall be drawn among Groups A and B.
- The 8 remaining teams (ranked 9 to 16) shall be drawn 4 by 4 among the 4 groups.

#### LEVEL 2

- The teams ranked 17 to 20 shall be placed in descending ranking order respectively at the top of Groups E, F, G and H.
- The remaining teams shall be drawn 4 by 4 among the 4 groups taking into account the “snake system” rule.

### STAGE II:

- For the play-off matches Nr 1, each team having finished 2nd in STAGE 1/LEVEL 2 shall be drawn against one of the teams having finished 3rd in STAGE 1/LEVEL 1.
- For the play-off matches Nr 2, each team having finished 1st in STAGE 1/LEVEL 2 shall be drawn against one of the teams having finished 4th in STAGE 1/LEVEL 1.

### STAGE III:

#### LEVEL 1

- A1 shall be placed in position 1.
- B1 shall be placed in position 16.
- C1 and D1 shall be drawn among positions 8 or 9.
- A2, B2, C2 and D2 shall be drawn among positions 4, 5, 12 or 13, but in the opposite half of the first team of their initial group.
- The winners of the STAGE II play-off matches shall be drawn among positions 2, 3, 6, 7, 10, 11, 14 or 15 but, when relevant, in another quarter than the first two of their initial group.

#### LEVEL 2

- The losers of the play off matches Nr 2 shall be drawn among positions 1, 4, 5 and 8.
- The losers of the play off matches Nr 1 shall be drawn among the remaining places, but, when relevant, in another half than the other team of their initial group.

#### LEVEL 3

- With 35 or 36 teams, the 3rds of the 4 STAGE 1/LEVEL 2 groups shall be drawn among Groups O, P, Q and R; with 31, 32, 33 or 34 teams they shall be drawn among Groups O and P.
- With 35 or 36 teams, the 4ths of the 4 STAGE 1/LEVEL 2 groups shall be drawn among Groups O, P, Q and R; with 32, 33 or 34 teams they shall be drawn among Groups O and P, **but when relevant, in another group than the other team of their initial group.**
- With 35 or 36 teams, the 5ths of the STAGE 1/LEVEL 2 groups shall be drawn among Groups O, P, Q and R; with 33 or 34 teams they shall be drawn among Groups O and P, **but when relevant, in another group than the other team of their initial group.**
- **After the group matches, when there are 4 groups** the teams of Group O play against those of Group P and those of Group Q against those of Group R.

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## **E EUROPEAN VETERANS CHAMPIONSHIPS**

### **E.1 AUTHORITY FOR ORGANISATION**

- E.1.1 The championships shall be organised by **one** member Association appointed by the ETTU.
- E.1.2 Application procedure and decision
- E.1.2.1 Any Association wishing to organise the championships shall send a written application to the General Secretary.
- E.1.2.2 The following conditions have to be acknowledged:
- The closing date for applications shall be specified by the Executive Board and notified to all Associations.
  - Applications must be in line with the relevant Regulations, Directives as well as the Technical and Economic Directives.
  - All details of organisation must be included in the presentation of the venue to the Executive Board, on the basis of the directives for presentations.
- E.1.2.3 The Regulations, the Technical and Economic Directives and the directives for presentations can be obtained from the General Secretary, who will also set the date for the presentations.
- E.1.2.4 The Executive Board, together with the chairman of the Veterans Committee, shall appoint the organising Association, after the evaluation of the presentations held by the applicants.
- E.1.2.5 The championships shall be organised according to the provisions of a contract between ETTU and the Host Association to be signed no later than or 18 months before the start of the event.

### **E.2 RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS**

- E.2.1 All international TV, Internet, equipment, advertising and marketing rights are vested in the ETTU. The exact distribution of responsibilities in these sectors shall be stated in the Technical and Economic Directives and finally laid down in the contract between ETTU and the organiser.
- E.2.2 All gate receipts belong to the Host Association.

### **E.3 ELIGIBILITY**

- E.3.1 All individuals who are over 40 years of age or who will be 40 years of age in the year of the EVC are eligible to participate.
- E.3.2 Upon request of the Organisers or the Referee participants shall present their passport/ID card as proof of age.

### **E.4 EVENTS**

- E.4.1 **Categories:**  
 40-49 years,  
 50-59 years,  
 60-64 years,  
 65-69 years,  
 70-74 years,  
 75-79 years,

80-84 years,  
85 years and over.

E.4.2 Each category will have the following events:

Men's and Women's Singles  
Men's and Women's Doubles

E.4.3 If there are less than 4 players or pairs entered in any of the events, ETTU Officials present at the event have the right to cancel the said event.

E.4.4 Every entered player is allowed to participate in one singles and one doubles event. A player must participate in her/his own age category, except in doubles if the players of a pair do not belong to the same age group, in which case they shall have to compete in the category of the younger player.

## **E.5 DATE and DURATION**

E.5.1 The championships shall be held every odd year over a period of six (6) days, including a rest day, in the time from the middle of May to the middle of July.

E.5.2 The organising Association shall submit 4 months before the Championships, an outline playing schedule to the General Secretary for approval

## **E.6 ENTRY FEES and LEVIES**

E.6.1 The entry fee shall be set in advance by the Executive Board.

E.6.2 The organising Association shall pay to the ETTU a levy of 15,000 €.

E.6.3 There shall be a levy of 15 € per participating player, payable to the ETTU.

## **E.7 ENTRIES**

### **E.7.1 Entry Forms**

E.7.1.1 The entry forms (a draft is available at the ETTU Secretariat) shall be sent by the Organising Association to all ETTU member Associations no later than 6 months before the start of the Championships, they can also be obtained at the Office of the Organising Committee and can be downloaded from the official ETTU web-site.

E.7.1.2 The entry form shall include

- name, address, phone and fax numbers and e-mail address of the Organising Committee;
- dead-line for entries six (6) weeks months before the Championships;
- reimbursement modalities of entry fees paid, in case of withdrawal
- four (4) months, two (2) months and one (1) week before the Championships;
- no refund for withdrawal during the last 8 days before the Championships;
- different accommodation possibilities.

E.7.1.3 Completed entry forms printed in block and capital letters shall be sent to the Organising Association not later than six (6) weeks before the Championships.



- E.7.1.4 3 weeks before the draw, the organising committee shall send to the General Secretary lists of all players having entered the different categories so far.
- E.7.1.5 Every entered player shall sign a statement confirming that his health condition allows him – according to the medical expert opinion – the participation in the championships and that he is participating on his own responsibility as to his health.
- E.7.1.6 Neither ETTU nor the organising Association can be made responsible for an accident, loss or any other incident which might occur.

## **E.7.2 Modification**

- E.7.2.1 The organisers may accept additional or modified entries for the singles at any time up to the date of the draw, but alterations of entries in doubles can be accepted only in case of verified absence of one of the players until 10:00 noon of the first playing day.
- E.7.2.2 A player may be allowed to pair with the partner of an absent, ill or injured player in a doubles event, provided he is not already entered in that event with a partner who is present and fit to play.

## **E.8 HOSPITALITY**

- E.8.1 The organising Association shall provide free hospitality from the evening before the championships begin until the morning after they end for
  - E.8.1.1 two representatives of the Executive Board, the Chairman and up to 3 other members of the Veterans Committee, the Chairman of the Ranking Committee or his deputy and 1 ETTU staff member. Neither one of the ETTU officials nor a member of the Organising Committee is allowed to participate in the competition.
  - E.8.1.2 all invited foreign referees and umpires.
- E.8.2 The organising Association shall provide free hospitality and reimburse the travel costs for the Chairman or a member of the Veterans Committee for the inspection of the venue as well as for one (1) organisational visit.

## **E.9 THE DRAW**

- E.9.1 The official ETTU computer software must be used.
- E.9.2 The draw for the qualifying groups shall take place at least **one week** before the start of the championships. The date must be agreed with the ETTU Secretariat.
- E.9.3 The draws for the European Championship Competitions and for the Consolation Competitions will take place in every category immediately after completion of the qualifying matches of the corresponding event in the Competition.

E.9.4 Representatives of Associations participating shall be entitled to attend the draw, which shall be conducted by the Chairman of the Veterans Committee in cooperation with the Chairman of the Ranking Committee.

E.9.5 Seeding will be made on basis of seeding lists set up in cooperation between representatives of the Ranking and Veterans Committee.

## **E.10 JURY**

E.10.1 The Jury shall consist of one of the ETTU EB representatives, the Chairman of the Veterans Committee or his deputy, the Chairman of the Ranking Committee or his deputy, a representative of the organising Association and the Referee or his deputy. No member of the Jury is entitled to participate in the competition.

E.10.2 The chairman of the Jury shall be the Chairman of the Veterans Committee. In his absence the Jury shall be lead by the ETTU EB representative.

E.10.3 All members of the Jury shall have the right to speak and to vote.

E.10.4 The Jury shall meet on the eve of the championships and at any other time when necessary.

E.10.5 Participants may attend Jury meetings dealing with alterations of the draws, however they do neither have the right to speak nor to vote.

## **E.11 SYSTEM of PLAY**

E.11.1 Each singles and doubles event shall be played in two stages.

E.11.2 In the first stage there will be qualifying groups of three (3) or four (4) players or pairs, depending of the number of entries.

E.11.3 In a group 2 match points shall be awarded for a win, 1 for a loss in a played match and 0 for a loss in a not played or unfinished match, and the ranking order shall be determined primarily by the numbers of match points gained.

E.11.4 If 2 or more participants have gained the same number of match points, their relative positions shall be determined by the results only of matches between them, taking successively the numbers of match points and the ratios of wins to losses in games and then in points, as far as it is necessary to determine the order.

E.11.5 If after any step the positions of one or more participants have been determined while others are still equal, the results of matches in which those participants took part shall be excluded from any further calculations needed to resolve the equalities in accordance with the procedure of E.10.3 and E.10.4.

E.11.6 If 2 or more participants have gained the same number of match points and have the same ratios of wins to losses in games and points, their relative positions shall be decided by lot.

E.11.7 In the second stage, players or pairs having finished first or second in their group, will qualify for the European Veterans title events. Players or pairs having finished third or fourth in their group, will be entitled to play in the corresponding consolation events. Both tournaments shall be played on a knock-out basis.

- E.11.8 Players or pairs having finished in position 2 of their initial group will be drawn in opposite half to the players having finished in position 1 of the same group; in the same way players or pairs having finished in position 3 will be drawn in the opposite half to players or pairs having finished in position 4.
- E.11.9 ITTF and ETTU rules shall be applied as far as practicable. The playing space shall not be less than 10 m long, 5 m wide and 4 m high.
- E.11.10 All matches shall be determined by the best of 5 games.
- E.11.11 Each player is entitled to a 15-minutes rest between two matches.

## **E.12 TROPHIES AND AWARDS**

- E.12.1 Medals shall be presented by representatives of the ETTU and of the organising Association to the winners, runners-up and losing semi-finalists of all events in the championships competition (title events and consolation events)
- E.12.2 A nominative diploma as well as a small gift (bag, souvenir etc) shall be given to all participants free of charge.

## **E.13 REFEREES and UMPIRES**

- E.13.1 Not later than 4 months before the event, the organising Association shall send to the General Secretary for approval of the Executive Board, a proposal for the appointment of the Referee and one or more Deputy Referees. These match officials shall be International Referees from ETTU Member Associations and at least one of them shall be from a foreign Association.
- E.13.2 The organiser will provide umpires for the European Championships Competition and the final stages of the Consolation Competition.
- E.13.3 In the qualifying groups, members of the groups who are not playing shall make themselves available as umpires.
- E.13.4 In the Consolation Competition, the loser of a match shall umpire in the next match at the table where he or she played.
- E.13.5 All invited foreign officials shall receive a daily allowance equivalent to 15 €.

## **E.13 REFEREES and UMPIRES (starting 2017)**

- E.13.1 No later than 5 months before the event, the Organising Association shall send to the ETTU Umpires and Referees Committee the proposal for appointing a Referee. No later than 4 months before the event, the ETTU Umpires and Referees Committee shall send to the Secretary General for the Executive Board's approval the proposal for appointing the Referee and one or more Deputy Referees. At least one referee must be from a foreign association. All referees shall be International Referees from ETTU Member Associations and shall arrive two days before the start of the event.
- E.13.2 The organiser will provide umpires for the European Championships Competition and the final stages of the Consolation Competition on the basis of one umpire per match. At least  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the umpires needed during the final stages shall be International Umpires; the number of local and foreign umpires to be provided must be agreed beforehand by the Umpires and Referees Committee. The Organising Association

shall send the written invitation to the associations invited no later than 3 months before the event.

- E.13.3 In the qualifying groups, members of the groups who are not playing shall make themselves available as umpires.
- E.13.4 In the Consolation Competition, the loser of a match shall umpire in the next match at the table where he or she played.
- E.13.5 All invited foreign officials shall receive a daily allowance equivalent to 15 €.

**E.14 APPEALS**

- E.14.1 An appeal may be made to the Jury against a decision of the referee on a question of tournament or match conduct not covered by the Laws or Regulations. Appeals have to be made immediately after completion of the match, upon deposit of 40 € or equivalent, which will be refunded if the appeal is upheld.
- E.14.2 The decision of the Jury is final.

**E.15 PROGRAMME**

- E.15.1 The official programme shall specify that the championships are held under the auspices of the ETTU and shall include, on an early page, the names of all Executive Board members.

**E.16 FACILITIES**

- E.16.1 The organising Association shall ensure free access to any part of the playing hall for all persons mentioned in K.6.1.1.
- E.16.2 During the period of the championships the organising Association shall make available to the ETTU rooms and facilities for committee meetings.

**E.17 PLAYERS OBLIGATIONS**

- E.17.1 Each player is obliged to compete at the time and table set by the Competition schedule. The player is responsible for keeping her/himself informed when and where to play.  
Any player who fails to appear at the scheduled time will automatically lose the match, after a 5 minutes waiting period.
- E.17.2 After the end of their matches and before leaving the table players must check the results on the score sheet and sign it.
- E.17.3 During the competition, players will be required to carry their entry numbers – said entry numbers to be attached to their sports shirt on their backs whilst playing.
- E.17.4 The organisers accept that no restrictions should be made with regard to drinking “water” in the duration of a match. However, drinking water will only be specifically allowed at the same time as the “towelling down regulation”.
- E.17.5 No advertisement for alcoholic drinks and tobacco shall be worn by the players in the playing halls.

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**EUROPEAN TABLE TENNIS UNION**



**EUROPEAN VETERANS TEAM  
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**DIRECTIVES**

## **EB EUROPEAN VETERANS TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS**

### **EB.1 AUTHORITY FOR ORGANISATION**

EB.1.1 The team championships shall be organised by one member Association appointed by the ETTU.

EB.1.2 Application procedure and decision

EB.1.2.1 Any Association wishing to organise the team championships shall send a written application to the General Secretary.

EB.1.2.2 The following conditions have to be acknowledged: - The closing date for applications shall be specified by the Executive Board and notified to all Associations. - Applications must be in line with the relevant Regulations, Directives as well as the Technical and Economic Directives. - All details of organisation must be included in the presentation of the venue to the Executive Board, on the basis of the directives for presentations.

EB.1.2.3 The Regulations, the Technical and Economic Directives and the directives for presentations can be obtained from the General Secretary, who will also set the date for the presentations. EB.1.2.4 The Executive Board, together with the chairman of the Veterans Committee, shall appoint the organising Association, after the evaluation of the presentations held by the applicants. EB.1.2.5 The championships shall be organised according to the provisions of a contract between ETTU and the Host Association to be signed no later than or 18 months before the start of the event.

### **EB.2 RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS**

EB.2.1 All international TV, Internet, equipment, advertising and marketing rights are vested in the ETTU. The exact distribution of responsibilities in these sectors shall be stated in the Technical and Economic Directives and finally laid down in the contract between ETTU and the organiser.

EB.2.2 All gate receipts belong to the Host Association.

### **EB.3 ELIGIBILITY**

EB.3.1 All individuals who are over 40 years of age or who will be 40 years of age in the year of the EVC are eligible to participate.

EB.3.2 Upon request of the Organisers or the Referee participants shall present their passport/ID card as proof of age.

### **EB.4 EVENTS**

EB.4.1 Categories: Teams 40-49 years, Teams 50-59 years, Teams 60-64 years, Teams 65-69 years, Teams 70-74 years, Teams 75-79 years, Teams 80-84 years, Teams 85 years and over.

EB.4.2 Men's Team and Women's team will be played in each category.

EB.4.3 If there are less than 4 teams entered in any of the events, ETTU Officials present at the event have the right to cancel the said event.

EB.4.4 Every team entered must participate in their own age category though a player from an older age category may participate in a younger age category.

#### **EB.5 DATE and DURATION**

EB.5.1 The championships shall be held every even year over a period of six (6) days, including a rest day, in the time from the beginning to the middle of September.

EB.5.2 The organising Association in cooperation with the ETTU Competition Manager shall submit 4 months before the Championships, an outline playing schedule to the General Secretary for approval

#### **EB.6 ENTRIES, ENTRY FEES and LEVIES**

##### EB.6.1 Entries and Numbers

EB.6.1.1 A Team entered shall consist of 3 players.

EB.6.1.2 These 3 nominated players shall come from the same country and shall be entered in the positions 1, 2 and 3 which will not be altered or changed throughout the Championships.

EB.6.1.3 Each team has to assign a playing captain.

EB.6.1.4 The name of the team shall include the city/town or village of the playing captain but in case there are more than 1 team from a city/town or village, a number will be assigned in order of their registration. A sponsor name may be included within the name of the team.

EB.6.1.5 Each team has the right to enter a 4<sup>th</sup> player as a reserve player who may substitute for one of the 3 nominated players (1, 2, 3) but not later than 1 hour before the official match start time. The change to the team must be announced to the ETTU Competition Manager and Referee.

##### EB.6.2 Entry Fees and Levies

EB.6.2.1 The entry fee shall be set in advance by the Executive Board.

EB.6.2.2 The organising Association shall pay to ETTU a levy of 15,000 €.

EB.6.2.3 There shall be a levy of 50 € per team, payable to the ETTU.

#### **EB.7 ENTRY FORMS AND MODIFICATION**

EB.7.1 The entry forms shall be sent by the Organising Association to all ETTU member Associations no later than 6 months before the start of the Championships, they can also be obtained at the Office of the Organising Committee and can be downloaded from the official ETTU web-site.

EB.7.2 The entry form shall include - name, address, phone and fax numbers and e-mail address of the Organising Committee; - dead-line for entries six (6) months before the Championships; - reimbursement modalities of entry fees paid, in case of withdrawal - four (4) months, two (2) months and one (1) week before the Championships; - no refund for withdrawal during the last eight (8) days before the Championships; - different accommodation possibilities.

EB.7.3 Completed entry forms printed in block and capital letters shall be sent to the Organising Association not later than six (6) weeks before the Championships.

EB.7.4 Three (3) weeks before the draw, the organising committee shall send to the General Secretary lists of all teams having entered the different categories so far.

EB.7.5 Every entered team shall sign a statement confirming that the health condition of all its players allow – according to the medical expert opinion – the participation in the team championships and that they are participating on their own responsibility as to their health.

EB.7.6 Neither ETTU nor the organising Association can be made responsible for an accident, loss or any other incident which might occur.

EB.7.7 Modification - the organisers may accept additional or modified entries for the teams at any time up to the date of the draw

## **EB.8 HOSPITALITY**

EB.8.1 The organising Association shall provide free hospitality from the evening before the championships begin until the morning after they end for

EB.8.1.1 two representatives of the Executive Board, the Chairman and up to 3 other members of the Veterans Committee, the Chairman of the Ranking Committee or his deputy, the ETTU Competition Manager and 2 ETTU staff members except that the Chairman of the Veterans Committee, the Chairman of the Ranking Committee and the ETTU Competition Manager shall arrive two (2) days before the start of the championships and receive free hospitality for the additional day/night. Neither one of the ETTU officials nor a member of the Organising Committee is allowed to participate in the competition.

EB.8.1.2 all invited foreign referees and umpires.

EB.8.2 The organising Association shall provide free hospitality and reimburse the travel costs for the Competition Manager for the inspection of the venue as well as for one (1) organisational visit.

## **EB.9 THE DRAW**

EB.9.1 The organiser should use the official ETTU software and result management system.

EB.9.2 The draw for the qualifying groups shall take place at least one week before the start of the championships. The date must be agreed with the ETTU Secretariat.



EB.9.3 The draws for the European Championship Competitions and for the Consolation Competitions will take place in every category immediately after completion of the qualifying matches of the corresponding event in the Competition.

EB.9.4 Representatives of Associations participating shall be entitled to attend the draw, which shall be conducted by the ETTU Competition Manager in cooperation with the Referee, the Chairman of the Veterans Committee and the Chairman of the Ranking Committee.

EB.9.5 Seeding will be made on basis of seeding lists set up in cooperation between representatives of the Ranking and Veterans Committee.

## **EB.10 JURY**

EB.10.1 The Jury shall consist of one of the ETTU EB representatives, the Chairman of the Veterans Committee or his deputy, the Chairman of the Ranking Committee or his deputy, a representative of the organising Association and the Referee or his deputy. No member of the Jury is entitled to participate in the competition.

EB.10.2 The chairman of the Jury shall be the Chairman of the Veterans Committee. In his absence the Jury shall be led by the ETTU EB representative.

EB.10.3 All members of the Jury shall have the right to speak and to vote.

EB.10.4 The ETTU Competition Manager must attend the Jury meetings here he has a right to speak and no right to vote.

EB.10.5 The Jury shall meet on the eve of the championships and at any other time when necessary.

EB.10.6 Participants may attend Jury meetings dealing with alterations of the draws, however they do neither have the right to speak nor to vote.

## **EB.11 SYSTEM of PLAY**

EB.11.1 Each team event shall be played in two stages.

EB.11.2 In the first stage there will be qualifying groups of three (3) or four (4) teams, depending of the number of entries.

EB.11.3 In a group 3 match points shall be awarded for a 3:0 win, 2 match points for a 2:1 win, 1 match point for a 1:2 loss and 0 match point for a 0:3 loss.

EB.11.4 If 2 or more teams have gained the same number of match points, their relative positions shall be determined by the results only of matches between them, taking successively the numbers of match points and the ratios of wins to losses in games and then in points, as far as it is necessary to determine the order.

EB.11.5 If after any step the positions of one or more participants have been determined while others are still equal, the results of matches in which those participants took part shall be excluded from any further calculations needed to resolve the equalities in accordance with the procedure of EB.11.3 and EB.11.4.

EB.11.6 If 2 or more participants have gained the same number of match points and have the same ratios of wins to losses in games and points, their relative positions shall be decided by lot.

EB.11.7 In the second stage, teams having finished first or second in their group, will qualify for the European Team Veterans title events. Teams having finished third or fourth in their group, will be entitled to play in the corresponding consolation events. Both tournaments shall be played on a knock-out basis.

EB.11.8 Teams having finished in position 2 of their initial group will be drawn in opposite half to the players having finished in position 1 of the same group; in the same way teams having finished in position 3 will be drawn in the opposite half to players or pairs having finished in position 4.

EB.11.9 ITTF and ETTU rules shall be applied as far as practicable. The playing space shall not be less than 10 m long, 5 m wide and 4 m high.

EB.11.10 All matches shall be determined by the best of 5 games.

## **EB.12. MATCH PROCEDURE**

EB.12.1 A men's or women's team shall consist of 3 players.

EB.12.2 Each team shall appoint a playing captain and he, or a responsible deputy, shall be present throughout a match.

EB.12.3 A match shall consist of up to 3 singles and shall be played on 1 table.

### Qualification

EB.12.4 The order of play shall be A3 v B3, A1 v B1, A2 v B2, all 3 matches shall be completed, each the best of 5 games.

### Competition Proper

EB.12.5 The order of play shall be A1 v B2, A2 v B1, A3 v B3, A1 v B1, A2 v B2, the team match ending when a team has won three (3) individual matches, each the best of 5 games.

## **EB.13 TROPHIES AND AWARDS**

EB.13.1 Medals shall be presented by representatives of the ETTU and of the organising Association to the winners, runners-up and losing semi-finalists of all events in the championships competition (title events and consolation events)

EB.13.2 A nominative diploma as well as a small gift (bag, souvenir etc) shall be given to all participants free of charge.

**EB.14 REFEREES and UMPIRES**

EB.14.1 No later than 5 months before the event, the Organising Association shall send to the ETTU Umpires and Referees Committee the proposal for appointing a Referee. No later than 4 months before the event, the ETTU Umpires and Referees Committee shall send to the Secretary General for the Executive Board’s approval the proposal for appointing the Referee and one or more Deputy Referees. At least one referee must be from a foreign association. All referees shall be International Referees from ETTU Member Associations and shall arrive two days before the start of the event.

EB.14.2 The organiser will provide umpires for the European Championships Competition and the final stages of the Consolation Competition on the basis of one umpire per match. At least ¼ of the umpires needed during the final stages shall be International Umpires; the number of local and foreign umpires to be provided must be agreed beforehand by the Umpires and Referees Committee. The Organising Association shall send the written invitation to the associations invited no later than 3 months before the event.

EB.14.3 In the qualifying groups, members of the teams of the groups who are not playing shall make themselves available as umpires.

EB.14.4 In the Consolation Competition, the members of the teams shall make themselves available as umpires.

EB.14.5 All invited foreign officials shall receive a daily allowance equivalent to 15 €.

**EB.15 APPEALS**

EB.15.1 An appeal may be made to the Jury against a decision of the referee on a question of tournament or match conduct not covered by the Laws or Regulations. Appeals have to be made immediately after completion of the match, upon deposit of 40 € or equivalent, which will be refunded if the appeal is upheld.

EB.15.2 The decision of the Jury is final.

**EB.16 PROGRAMME**

EB.16.1 The official programme shall specify that the championships are held under the auspices of the ETTU and shall include, on an early page, the names of all Executive Board members.

**EB.17 FACILITIES**

EB.17.1 The organising Association shall ensure free access to any part of the playing hall for all persons mentioned in EB.6.1.1.

EB.17.2 During the period of the championships the organising Association shall make available to the ETTU rooms and facilities for committee meetings.

**EB.18 PLAYERS OBLIGATIONS**

EB.18.1 Each team is obliged to compete at the time and table set by the Competition schedule. The team is responsible for keeping itself informed when and where to play. Any team who fails to appear at the scheduled time will automatically lose the match, after a 5 minutes waiting period.

EB.18.2 After the end of their matches and before leaving the table the team captains must check the results on the score sheet and sign it.

EB.18.3 During the competition, players will be required to carry their entry numbers – said entry numbers to be attached to their sports shirt on their backs whilst playing.

EB.18.4 The organisers accept that no restrictions should be made with regard to drinking “water” in the duration of a match. However, drinking water will only be specifically allowed at the same time as the “towelling down regulation”.

EB.18.5 No advertisement for alcoholic drinks and tobacco shall be worn by the players in the playing halls.

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## **G OLYMPIC QUALIFYING TOURNAMENTS**

### **G.1 AUTHORITY FOR ORGANISATION**

- G.1.1 The tournament – women's and men's singles only - shall be organised by **one** member Association appointed by the ETTU.
- G.1.2 Application procedure and decision
- G.1.2.1 Any Association wishing to organise the championships shall send a written application to the General Secretary.
- G.1.2.2 The following conditions have to be acknowledged:
- The closing date for applications shall be specified by the Executive Board and notified to all Associations.
  - Applications must be in line with the relevant Regulations, Directives as well as the Technical and Economic Directives.
  - All details of organisation must be included in the presentation of the venue to the Executive Board, on the basis of the directives for presentations.
- G.1.2.3 The Regulations, the Technical and Economic Directives and the directives for presentations can be obtained from the General Secretary, who will also set the date for the presentations.
- G.1.2.4 The Executive Board, together with the chairman of the Technical Committee, shall appoint the organising Association, after the evaluation of the presentations held by the applicants.
- G.1.2.5 The championships shall be organised according to the provisions of a contract between ETTU and the Host Association to be signed no later than **or 18 months** before the start of the event.

### **G.2 RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS**

- G.2.1 All international TV, Internet, equipment, advertising and marketing rights are vested in the ETTU. The exact distribution of responsibilities in these sectors shall be stated in the Technical and Economic Directives and finally laid down in the contract between ETTU and the organiser.
- G.2.2 All gate receipts belong to the Host Association.

### **G.3 QUALIFICATION**

- G.3.1 The Olympic Qualifying Tournament shall be open to all European National Olympic Committees, which shall enter the players through the ETTU member Associations concerned.
- G.3.2 All players shall be eligible to represent their NOC according to the IOC regulations.

### **G.4 DATE and DURATION**

- G.4.1 Olympic Qualifying Tournament shall be held on the dates fixed by the ETTU in accordance with the closing dates for entries to the Olympic Tournament.
- G.4.2 The duration of the Singles Qualifying Tournament will be decided together with its system of play (G.10).
- G.4.3 The organising Association shall submit an outline schedule to the Chairman of the Technical Committee for approval.

**G.5 EVENTS**

G.5.1 The Tournament shall include men's singles and women's singles.

**G.6 LEVIES**

G.6.1 The Association organising the Tournament shall pay to the ETTU a levy of 20,000 €.

G.6.2 There shall be a levy of 50 € per participating player, payable to the ETTU.

**G.7 ENTRIES****G.7.1 Numbers**

G.7.1.1 The numbers of players which may be entered by a NOC will be approved by the Executive Board and made known to all Associations not later than 12 months before the tournament.

**G.7.2 Entry Forms**

G.7.2.1 Entry forms shall be agreed with the General Secretary and shall include a statement to be signed by an official of the nominating NOC on behalf of its players, that they understand and accept the conditions of the tournament and that they are prepared to compete against all other players participating.

G.7.2.2 Entry forms shall be sent by the organising Association to all member Associations not later than 3 months before the start of each tournament.

G.7.2.3 Completed entry forms shall be sent to the ETTU not later than 2 months before its start.

G.7.2.4 ETTU will accept only entry forms properly signed by a representative of the nominating NOC, which are received on or before the closing date.

**G.7.3 Modification**

G.7.3.1 The General Secretary may accept alterations of names only, if notified by an authorised representative of the nominating Association confirmed by the NOC concerned, and only up to the dead-line fixed in the prospectus, (usually 4 days before the start of the event).

**G.8 HOSPITALITY**

G.8.1 The organising Association shall provide free hospitality from the evening before the tournament begins until the morning after it ends for

G.8.1.1 the Executive Board members, the Press and Medical Officials or their deputies, the Chairmen of the Ranking and Technical Committees, up to 2 Technical Committee members and two ETTU staff members;

G.8.1.2 all invited foreign referees and umpires.

G.8.2 The organising Association shall provide free hospitality and reimburse the travel costs for the Chairman of the Technical Committee or his deputy when he inspects the facilities and proposed playing conditions of the tournament.

G.8.3 The cost of hospitality for participants of the tournament shall be agreed in advance by the Executive Board.

**G.9 THE DRAW**

G.9.1 The draw for singles events shall be public and take place the day before the start of the tournament.

G.9.2 The draw shall be conducted by the Chairman of the Technical Committee.

G.9.3 The Executive Board shall determine the World ranking lists to be used as the basis for the seeding list for singles events.

**G.10 JURY**

G.10.1 The Jury shall consist of the Chairmen of the Ranking and Technical Committees, the members of the Technical Committee present at the tournament, a representative of the organising Association and of the Referee or his deputy.

G.10.2 The Chairman of the Jury shall be the Chairman of the Technical Committee.

G.10.3 The Jury shall meet on the eve of the tournament and at any other time when necessary.

G.10.4 All members of the Jury shall have the right to speak and to vote.

**G.11 SYSTEM OF PLAY**

G.11.1 The system of play shall be approved by the Executive Board and made known to all Associations at least 12 months before the tournament concerned.

**G.12 OLYMPIC REGULATIONS**

G.12.1 The organising Association and all participants shall observe all special regulations for Olympic Qualifying Tournaments agreed by the ETTU or the ITTF with the IOC.

**G.13 TROPHIES and AWARDS**

G.13.1 There are no official ETTU trophies or awards.

**G.14 FLAGS and ANTHEMS**

G.14.1 If flags or national anthems are used they shall be those of the countries of the NOC to which belong the players taking part in the tournament.

**G.15 REFEREES and UMPIRES**

G.15.1 Latest 5 months before the event, the Organising Association shall send to the ETTU Umpires and Referees Committee the proposal for appointing a Referee. Latest 4 months before the event, the ETTU Umpires and Referees Committee shall send to the Secretary General for the Executive Board's approval the proposal for appointing the Referee and one or more Deputy Referees. At least, one member of the referee team must be from a foreign association. All referees shall be International Referees from an ETTU member association and shall arrive the day before the start of the event.

G.15.2 All umpires shall be International Umpires. At least 1/3 of the total of umpires needed shall be from foreign ETTU Member Associations. No later than 5 months before the event, the ETTU Umpires and Referees Committee, after coordination with the Organising Association, will post a public call for umpires interested to officiate at the event onto the ETTU home page, and will send respective invitations to all European Associations. Together with the Organising Association, the ETTU Umpires and Referees Committee will set up a list of the appointed number of umpires; such decisions of the ETTU URC are final. No later than three months before the event, the ETTU shall inform the associations about the selections and post the list onto the ETTU URC homepage.

For all matches during the Championships the umpires shall be from Associations other than those of the players in the match.

G.15.3 All invited foreign officials shall receive a daily allowance equivalent to 15 €.

**G.16 FACILITIES**

G.16.1 The organising Association shall ensure free access to any part of the playing hall for all persons mentioned in G.7.1.1 and shall provide them with preferential seats throughout the Tournaments.

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## **H EUROPE TOP-12 TOURNAMENT**

### **H.1 AUTHORITY FOR ORGANISATION**

- H.1.1 The tournament, which shall consist of a women's and a men's event, shall be organised by one member Association appointed by the ETTU.
- H.1.2 Application procedure and decision
- H.1.2.1 Any Association wishing to organise the event shall send a written application to the General Secretary.
- H.1.2.2 The following conditions have to be acknowledged:
- The closing date for applications shall be specified by the Executive Board and notified to all Associations.
  - Applications must be in line with the relevant Regulations as well as the Technical and Economic Directives.
  - All details of organisation must be included in the presentation of the venue to the Executive Board, on the basis of the directives for presentations.
- H.1.2.3 The Regulations, the Technical and Economic Directives and the directives for presentations can be obtained from the General Secretary, who will also set the date for the presentations.
- H.1.2.4 The Executive Board, together with the chairman of the Technical Committee, shall appoint the organising Association, after the evaluation of the presentations held by the applicants.
- H.1.2.5 The championships shall be organised according to the provisions of a contract between ETTU and the Host Association to be signed no later than 12 months before the start of the event.

### **H.2 RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS**

- H.2.1 All international TV, Internet, equipment, advertising and marketing rights are vested in the ETTU. The exact distribution of responsibilities in these sectors shall be stated in the Technical and Economic Directives and finally laid down in the contract between ETTU and the organiser.
- H.2.2 All gate receipts belong to the Host Association.

### **H.3 DATE and DURATION**

- H.3.1 The tournament shall be played each year in February, over a period of 2 days.

### **H.4 QUALIFICATION**

- H.4.1 The General Secretary shall invite – not later than 8 weeks before the start of the competition – the eligible and reserve players for each event derived from the last available European Ranking Lists.
- H.4.2 In each event the following players shall qualify:
- a) the top 7 players from the last available European Ranking Lists
  - b) the top 3 players from the last available U21 European Ranking Lists
  - c) 2 Wild cards (among them the current European Champion, if not otherwise qualified, and/or if the organiser has no qualified participant)

H.4.3 The first reserve man and woman player shall be present and the Associations of the next 3 men and next 3 women on each list shall arrange that these players can be contacted urgently to replace any of the eligible players who are unable to attend.

H.4.4 The participation of an invited player has to be confirmed by the national Association this player is eligible to represent latest on or before the deadline fixed by the General Secretary.

**H.5 ENTRY FEE and LEVY**

H.5.1 The organising Association shall pay the ETTU a levy of 12,000 €.

**H.6 THE DRAW**

H.6.1 The draw shall take place the day before the start of the tournament and shall be conducted by the Chairman of the Technical Committee. Only players having attended the draw can participate.

H.6.2 The 4 highest ranked players shall be drawn automatically into the round of the last 8. The remaining players shall be drawn, two by two, in ranking order, into 2 groups of 4 players each. Players from the same Association, starting with the highest ranked ones, shall be distributed as evenly as possible between the groups.

**H.7 HOSPITALITY and EXPENSES**

H.7.1 The organising Association shall provide free hospitality from lunch of the day before the start of the tournament until breakfast after it ends, for:

H.7.1.1 12 players and 1 reserve in each event;

H.7.1.2 1 official of an Association with up to 3 participants and 2 officials of an Association with more than 3 participants (in both cases considering also the first reserve player as a participant);

H.7.1.3 1 member of the Executive Board, the Medical and Press Officials or their deputies, the Chairmen of the Ranking and Technical Committees and three ETTU staff members;

H.7.1.4 all invited foreign referees and umpires.

H.7.2 The organising Association shall provide free hospitality and reimburse the travel costs for the ETTU Competition Manager when he inspects the facilities and proposed playing conditions of the tournament.

H.7.3 Each Association shall pay the travel expenses of its players and officials, but the ETTU shall reimburse to his parent Association the expenses of an invited reserve player who attends but is not required to play.

H.7.4 The cost of hospitality for persons not entitled to free hospitality shall be agreed at least 1 year in advance by the Executive Board.

**H.8 SYSTEM of PLAY**

H.8.1 All group matches shall be the best of 5 games; starting from quarter-finals all matches shall be the best of 7 games.

- H.8.2 The competition is played in two stages. In the 1<sup>st</sup> round of the tournament, all members of a group will play each other. In the 2<sup>nd</sup> stage the four (4) direct qualifiers, the winners and the 2<sup>nd</sup> ranked players of the groups will play in a single knock-out system, with quarter-finals, semi-finals and a final, to determine the winner of the competition. The four direct qualifiers go to position 1, 4, 5 and 8. The winners of the groups shall be drawn between the remaining free positions with one drawn into the top half and the other one drawn into the bottom half. The 2<sup>nd</sup> ranked players of the first stage groups shall be drawn by lot into the remaining places but into the opposite half to the winners of their initial group.
- H.8.3 In a group, 2 match points shall be awarded for a win, 1 for a loss in a played match and 0 for a loss in a not played or unfinished match, and the ranking order shall be determined primarily by the number of match points gained.
- H.8.4 Where the players in a group have gained the same number of match points, their relative positions shall be determined by the results only of the matches between them, taking successively the number of match points and the ratios of wins to losses in games and points, as far as it is necessary to determine the order. If after this step the positions of the players are equal in matches, games and points, their relative positions shall be decided by lot.

## **H.9 JURY**

- H.9.1 The Jury shall consist of the Chairmen of the Ranking and Technical Committees, a representative of the organising Association and of the Referee or his deputy.
- H.9.2 The Chairman of the Jury shall be the Chairman of the Technical Committee.
- H.9.3 All members of the Jury shall have the right to speak and to vote.

## **H.10 REFEREES and UMPIRES**

- H.10.1 No later than 5 months before the event, the Organising Association shall send to the ETTU Umpires and Referees Committee the proposal for appointing a Referee. No later than 4 months before the event, the ETTU Umpires and Referees Committee shall send to the Secretary General for the Executive Board's approval the proposal for appointing the Referee and one Deputy Referee. At least one referee must be from a foreign association. All referees shall be International Referees from ETTU Member Associations and shall arrive the day before the start of the event.
- H.10.2 All umpires shall be International Umpires and at least 1/3 of the total of umpires needed shall be from foreign ETTU Member Associations. The Organising Association shall send to the ETTU Umpires and Referees Committee, no later than 4 months before the event, the proposal for appointing the umpires.  
For all matches during the tournament the umpires shall be from Associations other than those of the players in the match.
- H.10.3 All invited foreign officials shall receive a daily allowance equivalent to 15 €.

**H.11 EQUIPMENT and ADVERTISING**

- H.11.1 The ETTU, represented by the Executive Board, may enter into contracts with suppliers of playing equipment for the exclusive use of this equipment and the General Secretary shall notify all Associations by 1<sup>st</sup> June of the year before the tournament.
- H.11.2 ETTU contracts for equipment shall include 2/3 of the advertising space on the inside and outside surrounds, and the remaining 1/3 shall be available to the organising Association.

**H.12 TROPHIES and AWARDS**

- H.12.1 Cups for the winners of the men's and women's events were donated in memory of Richard Bergmann and Trude Pritzi respectively.
- H.12.2 All participants shall receive prize money unless they withdraw before fully completing the first stage matches.

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# I EUROPE YOUTH TOP-10

## I.1 AUTHORITY FOR ORGANISATION

- I.1.1 The tournament, which shall consist of a Junior Boys and a Junior Girls event as well as a Cadet Boys and a Cadet Girls event, shall be organised by one member Association appointed by the ETTU.
- I.1.2 Application procedure and decision
- I.1.2.1 Any Association wishing to organise the championships shall send a written application to the General Secretary.
- I.1.2.2 The following conditions have to be acknowledged:
- The closing date for applications shall be specified by the Executive Board and notified to all Associations.
  - Applications must be in line with the relevant Regulations, Directives as well as the Technical and Economic Directives.
  - All details of organisation must be included in the presentation of the venue to the Executive Board, on the basis of the directives for presentations.
- I.1.2.3 The Regulations, the Technical and Economic Directives and the directives for presentations can be obtained from the General Secretary, who will also set the date for the presentations.
- I.1.2.4 The Executive Board, together with the chairman of the Youth Committee, shall appoint the organising Association, after the evaluation of the presentations held by the applicants.
- I.1.2.5 The championships shall be organised according to the provisions of a contract between ETTU and the Host Association to be signed no later than or 18 months before the start of the event.

## I.2 RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS

- I.2.1 All international TV, Internet, equipment, advertising and marketing rights are vested in the ETTU. The exact distribution of responsibilities in these sectors shall be stated in the Technical and Economic Directives and finally laid down in the contract between ETTU and the organiser.
- I.2.2 All gate receipts belong to the Host Association.

## I.3 DATE and DURATION

- I.3.1 The tournament shall be played each year between September and November, over a period of 3 days.

## I.4 QUALIFICATION

- I.4.1 Qualification shall be determined by the current junior and cadet European ranking lists for boys and girls, but only junior players who will be under 18 and cadet players who will be under 15 on 1<sup>st</sup> of January of the year of the competition will be eligible.
- I.4.2 All players must be eligible to represent their Associations in accordance with the provision of article B.10.
- I.4.3 **Qualified Participants:**

- I.4.3.1 Junior events: In each event the reigning European Junior Champion, and the 9 other highest ranked junior players, unless this does not include a player of the organising Association, in which case the host Association shall be entitled to nominate one of its players to replace the lowest ranked junior players.
- I.4.3.2 Cadets events: In each event the reigning European Cadet Champion, 9 other still eligible highest ranked cadet players, unless this does not include a player of the organising Association, in which case the host Association shall be entitled to nominate one of its players to replace the lowest ranked Cadet player.
- I.4.4 The Associations of the first 3 boys and first 3 girls in the list of substitutes in each event shall arrange, that these players can be contacted urgently to replace any of the qualified players who may be unable to attend.
- I.4.5 The General Secretary shall invite the qualified players and inform the reserve players of each event not later than 8 weeks before the start of the competition.

## **I.5 ENTRY FEE and LEVY**

- I.5.1 There shall be no entry fee or levy.

## **I.6 HOSPITALITY and EXPENSES**

- I.6.1 The organising Association shall provide 50% of the hospitality (on the bases of the price for a double room) from the lunch on the day before the start of the tournament until the breakfast after it ends, for 10 players in each event.
- I.6.2 The organising Association shall provide free hospitality from lunch on the day before the start of the tournament until breakfast after it ends, for a representative of the Executive Board, the Chairman of the Youth Committee and one ETTU staff member.
- I.6.3 The organising Association shall provide free hospitality from lunch on the day before the start of the tournament until breakfast after it ends, for all invited foreign referees and umpires.
- I.6.4 The organising Association shall provide free hospitality and reimburse the travel costs for the Chairman of the Youth Committee or his deputy when he inspects the facilities and proposed playing conditions of the tournament.
- I.6.5 Each Association shall pay the travel expenses of its players as well as 50% of the hospitality costs. Each Association also shall pay the travel expenses of its officials including the hospitality costs. ETTU shall reimburse to his parent Association the expenses of an invited reserve player who attends but is not required to play.
- I.6.6 The hospitality cost for persons not entitled to free hospitality shall be agreed at least 1 year in advance by the Executive Board.

## **I.7 SYSTEM of PLAY**

- I.7.1 All matches in both the junior and the cadet events shall be the best of 7 games.

- I.7.2 In each event the players shall be placed in a group in which they will all play each other; matches between players from the same Association shall, as far as practicable, be played first.
- I.7.3 In a group, 2 match points shall be awarded for a win, 1 for a loss in a played match and 0 for a loss in a not played or unfinished match, and the ranking order shall be determined primarily by the number of match points gained.
- I.7.4 If 2 or more players have gained the same number of match points, their relative positions shall be determined by the results only of the matches between them, taking successively the number of match points gained and the ratios of wins to losses in games and points, as far as it is necessary to determine the order.
- I.7.5 If after any step the positions of one or more members of the group have been determined while others are still equal, the results of matches in which these members took part shall be excluded from any further calculations needed to resolve the equalities in accordance with the procedure of I.6.3 and I.6.4.
- I.7.6 If 2 or more players have gained the same number of match points and have the same ratios of wins to losses in games and points their relative positions shall be decided by lot.
- I.7.7 If a player withdraws before completing 5 matches the results of all his matches shall be cancelled and discounted.
- I.7.8 Details of the playing system shall be approved by the Executive Committee and made known to all Associations at least 6 months before the tournament.

## **I.8 JURY**

- I.8.1 The Jury shall consist of the Chairmen and one member of the Youth Committee, a representative of the organising Association and of the Referee or his deputy.
- I.8.2 The Chairman of the Jury shall be the Chairman of the Youth Committee.
- I.8.3 All members of the Jury shall have the right to speak and to vote.

## **I.9 REFEREES and UMPIRES**

- I.9.1 Latest 5 months before the event, the Organising Association shall send to the ETTU Umpires and Referees Committee the proposal for appointing a Referee. Latest 4 months before the event, the ETTU Umpires and Referees Committee shall send to the Secretary General for the Executive Board's approval the proposal for appointing the Referee and one Deputy Referee. At least, one referee must be from a foreign association. All referees shall be International Referee from an ETTU Member Association and shall arrive the day before the start of the event.
- I.9.2 All umpires shall be International Umpires. At least 1/3 of the total number of umpires needed shall be from foreign ETTU member Associations. The organising Association shall send to the ETTU Umpires and Referees Committee, no later than 4 months before the event, the proposal for appointing umpires.  
For all matches during the tournament the umpires shall be from Associations other than those of the players in the match.

I.9.3 All invited foreign officials shall receive a daily allowance equivalent to 15 €.

**I.10 EQUIPMENT and ADVERTISING**

I.10.1 The ETTU, represented by the Executive Board, may enter into contracts with suppliers of playing equipment for the exclusive use of this equipment and the General Secretary shall notify all Associations by 1<sup>st</sup> June of the year before the tournament.

I.10.2 ETTU contracts for equipment shall include 50% of the advertising space on the inside and outside surrounds, and the remaining 50% shall be available to the organising Association.

**I.11 TROPHIES and AWARDS**

I.11.1 Players shall not receive cash prizes but may receive suitable gifts.

I.11.2 Players in final positions 1-3 shall receive diplomas or plaques.

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## **J EUROPEAN CLUB COMPETITION - MEN**

### **J.1 European Club Competition - Men**

The European Club Competition - Men shall be organised in two different events:

- a) The European Champions League (named hereafter **ECLM**).
- b) The ETTU Cup (named hereafter **ETCM**)

J.1.2 The European Club Competition - Men shall be open for the winners of the ECLM and ETCM of the previous season and up to seven (7) clubs of each Member Association, taking part during the same season in the top national league, and having been entered by their Association.

J.1.3 The competition shall be conducted on behalf of the Club Competition Official by the ETTU General Secretary, who shall have the authority to change dates of matches whenever needed. Upon a justified request from a club, the Executive Board shall have the authority to change the venue of a match even to a location situated on the territory of a neighbouring Member Association. All matches shall be played at a venue located within 4 hours from CET time.

### **J.2 QUALIFICATION**

#### **J.2.1 ECLM**

The ECLM shall be open only to

- a) the winner of the ECLM of the previous season;
- b) the fifteen (15) highest ranked teams (considering all entries) from the seeding list based on the total number of ranking points of the three highest ranked players on the current World Ranking List, but only one (1) "foreign player" being considered.

J.2.1.1 No more than four (4) clubs from the same Association are entitled to participate in the ECLM.

J.2.1.2 If a qualified club does not enter the ECLM or does not fulfil the requirements set up, the Executive Board will decide which other club may fill the vacant position.

J.2.1.3 In case a qualified club does not participate in the ECLM, this club is not allowed to participate in the ETCM neither.

J.2.1.4 Every club engaged in the ECLM has to participate with one representative in at least one meeting per season, convened by ETTU.

#### **J.2.2 ETCM**

All teams not qualified for the ECLM may play in the ETCM.

### **J.3 MARKETING REGULATION (only for ECLM)**

J.3.1 The ETTU holds the following rights for every team match within the ECLM:

J.3.1.1 The international TV rights.

J.3.1.2 The rights for live streaming on Internet.

J.3.1.3 The exclusive right to appoint a title sponsor – to be communicated at least 3 months before the start of the ECLM – plus the right to provide advertising exposure to the title sponsor at every ECLM match.

Host clubs must always, in any publication under their responsibility regarding the ECLM, use the correct denomination of the title sponsor. A club failing to do this shall be fined by the Club Competition Official and eventually made liable for the payment of all undisputed damages claimed by the title sponsor.

J.3.1.4 Advertisement space on 25 % of the surrounds per court. (only in case a title sponsor has been appointed)

J.3.2 Every club participating in the ECLM has to fulfil the obligations regarding the production of live streaming.

J.3.2.1 Every club in the ETCM reaching the quarter finals has to fulfil the obligations regarding the production of Live Streaming.

J.3.3 Each club participating in the ECLM has to provide the necessary facilities and staff for the electronic transmission of each home match by a “live ticker” system (LSS) made available by the ETTU.

The LSS Service may also be provided by the Host Club using another than the ETTU’s tool, but only after previous authorisation by the ETTU. In any case, additional services must not be less than those provided by the official ETTU web site.

All relevant technical details are stated in the respective directives.

## **J.4 ENTRIES**

J.4.1 A club wishing to enter the ETTU Club Competition - Men shall send a completed entry form to the ETTU Secretariat to arrive latest by 1<sup>st</sup> of June, including the address, the phone numbers and e-mail address of their playing hall, the type of the floor the club uses for the home matches, the equipment used (tables, nets, colour of the shirts, balls), the names of its six eligible players and the name of the responsible, authorized club representative.

In case of emergency (illness or injuries of several players) the ETTU General Secretary may allow the participation of a not nominated player. In such a case a nominated player cannot be nominated as reserve player for the relating match.

J.4.2 Together with the entry form for its team, a club shall submit, separately for each one of its nominated players, a player registration form provided by the ETTU.

This registration form must include the confirmation, that

- a) the club and the player have signed a contract ensuring that the player will be at the disposal of the club during the whole period of the relevant playing season,
- b) the club and the player have accepted the provision of article J.8.5 in the ETTU Handbook regarding the eligibility for the ECLM.

The registration form must be signed by the player.

J.4.3 The authorization to enter the ECLM must be obtained from the National Association, which shall be responsible for its clubs and players with respect to entry fee, discipline, nominations, eligibility and in compliance with the ETTU regulations.

- J.4.4 The Associations concerned shall send to the ETTU bank account the following entry fees:  
 ECLM: 2,000 €  
 ETCM: 250 €.

**J.5 FIXTURES**

- J.5.1 The competition shall be held each season between 1<sup>st</sup> August and end of June, according to a schedule agreed by the Executive Board.  
 J.5.2 The actual playing season shall be from the day before the first round of the competition until the day after the second final match.

**J.5.3 ECLM**

- J.5.3.1 Matches shall normally be played on a Friday, but clubs may agree to play on an earlier date or on the following Saturday or Sunday. In case of disagreement the official playing day is Friday.  
 J.5.3.2 Dates and times of the final matches have to be approved by the ETTU in advance. All clubs participating in the final matches are invited to have their matches played on different days (or at least at different times) for a better promotion of the event.  
 J.5.3.3 In the last round of the group matches, all matches shall be played on the same day (Friday) and started at the same time (7,30 p.m. – CET).  
 J.5.3.4 For the group matches the home club shall send the visiting club a written invitation, to arrive not later than 6 weeks before the match is due to be played, giving details of the location, date, starting time and accommodation, and shall send a copy of this invitation to the ETTU Secretariat. Clubs failing to respect this provision and/or the relating deadline are subject to a fine (according to clause J.16).  
 For the quarter-final, semi-final and final matches the qualified clubs shall send to their opponents, as soon as possible, a written invitation giving details of the location, date, starting time and accommodation, and shall send a copy of this invitation to the ETTU Secretariat.

**J.5.4 ETCM**

- J.5.4.1 In the first two rounds, group matches shall be played on Saturday and on Sunday, whereof the time schedule shall be as follows:

Group with 4 teams:

- Round 1: Saturday at 2 pm  
 Round 2: Saturday at 7 pm  
 Round 3: Sunday at 10 am

Group with 5 teams:

- Round 1: Saturday at 10 am  
 Round 2: Saturday at 2 pm  
 Round 3: Saturday at 7 pm  
 Round 4: Sunday at 10 am  
 Round 5: Sunday at 2 pm

- J.5.4.2 Starting with the 3<sup>rd</sup> round, matches shall normally be played on a Friday, but clubs may agree to play on an earlier date or on the following Saturday or Sunday. In case of disagreement the official playing day is Friday.

J.5.4.3 The home club shall send to the visiting club a written invitation, to arrive not later than 21 days before the match is due to be played, giving details of the location, date, start time and accommodation, the brands and colours of tables and balls which will be used in the match, and shall send a copy of this invitation to the ETTU Secretariat. Clubs failing to respect this provision and/or the relating deadline are subject to a fine (according to clause J.16).

**J.6 HOSPITALITY**

J.6.1 The home club shall provide to the away club free hospitality, full board and lodging at a hotel of good standard for 2 days/nights (in case of a group with 4 teams and for direct knock-out matches), respectively for 3 days/nights (in case of a group with 5 teams) for 5 visiting persons, as well as transport from the local airport or railway station to the hotel or playing hall and back.

J.6.2 For the second final match, the host club shall moreover provide free hospitality for two (2) days for 1 ETTU representative.

**J.7 THE DRAW**

J.7.1 The draw shall be made in public by the ETTU General Secretary on a date and place to be published at least two months in advance on the official ETTU web site. Only clubs which have complied with regulation J.4 will be included in the draw. All clubs entered and all Member Associations will be notified of the result of the draw.

**J.7.2 ECLM**

J.7.2.1 The draw for all sixteen (16) teams in the competition will be according to a specific seeding list set up by the Ranking Committee and based on the total number of the ranking points on the current World Ranking of the 3 highest ranked players nominated by each club, but only 1 “foreign player” being considered for that purpose. The team seeded number 1 shall be placed in position 1 of Group A; the team seeded number 2 shall be placed in position 1 of Group D; the teams seeded number 3 and 4 shall be drawn between positions 1 of groups B and C. The remaining teams shall then be drawn 4 by 4 between the 4 groups.

Clubs from a same Association shall, as far as possible, be drawn into different groups.

**J.7.3 ETCM**

J.7.3.1 8 teams will be directly drawn to the second round and 8 teams will be drawn into the 'Last-16'-round.

These latter 8 teams shall be drawn according to a relating seeding list set up by the Ranking Committee and based on the total of the ranking points on the current World Ranking of the 3 highest ranked players nominated by each club, but only 1 “foreign player” being considered for that purpose.

J.7.4 For players who are no longer listed on the World Ranking, the following regulation will be applied:

- **50** points less than their last World Ranking Points for players whose last result recorded for World Ranking is less than 2 year old;
- **100** points less than their last World Ranking Points for players whose last result recorded for World Ranking is between 2 and 3 years old;
- **150** points less than their last World Ranking Points for players whose last result recorded for World Ranking is between 3 and 4 years old;
- **200** points less than their last World Ranking Points for players whose last result recorded for World Ranking is between 4 and 5 years old;
- **250** points less than their last World Ranking Points for players whose last result recorded for World Ranking is between 5 and 6 years old;
- **300** points less than their last World Ranking Points for players whose last result recorded for World Ranking is between 6 and 7 years old;
- **350** points less than their last World Ranking Points for players whose last result recorded for World Ranking is between 7 and 8 years old;
- **400** points less than their last World Ranking Points for players whose last result recorded for World Ranking is between 8 and 9 years old;
- **450** points less than their last World Ranking Points for players whose last result recorded for World Ranking is between 9 and 10 years old.

No points for players who were never on the World Ranking List (except for Chinese players).

Players not included in the World Ranking List but having a high ranking in a National League may be given a value of up to **2100** points by the Ranking Committee.

## **J.8 COMPOSITION OF TEAMS (ECLM and ETCM)**

J.8.1 Only nominated players are entitled to represent their club.

A club shall nominate 6 players on the relevant entry form. In this list, only 2 players who are not eligible in accordance with the provisions of Regulation B.10 to represent the club concerned ("foreign players") may be nominated and must be clearly designated. Amendments to this list may be made only up to the draw and shall be sent by e-mail to the ETTU Secretariat; no alterations shall be accepted after the draw.

In case a player starts the competition as a "foreign player" and his nationality changes during the playing season he shall nonetheless continue to be considered as a "foreign player" up to the end of the current playing season.

J.8.2 Only 1 "foreign player" is entitled to participate in a team match. In case one "foreign player" is nominated to participate in the team match, it is not allowed to nominate the second "foreign player", if given, as "reserve player".

J.8.3 By 10<sup>th</sup> of August the ETTU Secretariat shall send to the participating clubs and to their Associations a list of the players nominated by each club.

J.8.4 A player shall compete only for one club in the period starting the day before the first round of the competition until the day after the club of the player has played the last match in the competition of the event in international team competitions under the control of the ETTU or any other Continental Federation/Union. This regulation also applies to players who are principally eligible to take part in team competitions on

national level under the authority of an ITTF Member Association, except commitments for their national team.

**J.8.5 ECLM**

Only players who have participated in at least 50% of the group matches are allowed to play the quarter-final, semi-final and final matches. Reserve players being present in the playing hall of a match will be considered as participants of that match, if their presence is confirmed by the Referee on the result sheet of that match.

**J.9 PLAYING FORMAT**

**J.9.1 ECLM**

J.9.1.1 The ECLM will be played in two stages.

J.9.1.2 In the 1<sup>st</sup> stage, the teams will be divided into 4 groups of 4 teams and in each group the teams of this group will play each other in order to determine the final ranking order in each group.

J.9.1.3 In the 2<sup>nd</sup> stage the winners and the 2<sup>nd</sup> ranked teams of the groups will play in a single knock-out competition, with quarter-finals, semi-finals and a final, to determine the winner of the competition.

The home right for the first leg of these matches will be given to the 2<sup>nd</sup> ranked teams of the groups, for the final matches the home right for the first leg will be given to the lower ranked team.

After the group matches of the ECLM, the four teams ranked on position 3 in the four groups shall continue to compete in the ETTU Cup.

J.9.1.4 In all stages each tie will be played in 2 legs, home and away.

J.9.1.5 If in a match of the second stage each team has won one leg, the winner will be the team with the better aggregate score, the two legs being considered together, first in individual matches, then in games and finally in points. If the teams are then still at equality, the winner shall be decided by lot.

**J.9.2 ETCM**

J.9.2.1 In the first two rounds the competition shall be played in groups of 3, 4 or 5 teams. In the 1<sup>st</sup> round, the teams finishing in positions 1 and 2 in every group will qualify for the second round.

J.9.2.2 In the second round the competition shall be played in groups of 4 teams. The teams finishing in position 1 in every group shall qualify for the round of the last sixteen.

J.9.2.3 From the 3<sup>rd</sup> round on, a competition according to the single knock-out system will be used with 8 teams drawn directly into the last 16 according to the provisions of Regulation J.7.3., and the 4 teams having been ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> in the ECLM groups) drawn directly to the quarter-finals.

J.9.2.4 The quarter-finals, semi-finals and finals will be played in 2 legs, home and away. The home right for the first leg will be given to the lower ranked team.

J.9.2.5 If each team has won one leg, the winner will be the team with the better aggregate score, the two legs being considered together, first in individual matches, then in games and finally in points. If the teams are then still at equality, the winner shall be decided by lot.

J.9.3 In a group, 2 match points shall be awarded for a win, 1 for a loss and 0 for a loss in a not played or unfinished match, and the ranking order shall be determined primarily by the numbers of match points gained.

J.9.3.1 If 2 or more teams have gained the same number of match points, their relative positions shall be determined by the results only of matches between them, taking successively the numbers of match points, then the ratio of wins to losses in games and then the ratio of wins to losses in points, as far as it is necessary to determine the ranking order.

J.9.3.2 If after any step the positions of one or more teams have been determined while others are still equal, the results of matches in which those teams took part shall be excluded from any further calculations needed to resolve the equalities in accordance with the procedure of J.9.3.1.

J.9.3.3. If 2 or more teams have gained the same number of match points and have the same ratios of wins to losses in games and points, their relative positions shall be decided by lot.

## **J.10 PLAYING SYSTEM**

J.10.1 The playing system shall be the new Swaythling Cup system (best of 5 singles).

J.10.2 A team shall consist of 3 or 4 players selected from those nominated by the team's club for the event.

J.10.3 All individual matches (singles) shall be played on the same table.

J.10.4 The home team is considered to be composed by the players A1, A2, A3 and the visiting team is considered to be composed by the players B1, B2, B3.

The order of play in a team match shall be A1 v B2, A2 v B1, A3 v B3, A1 v B1, A2 v B2, and the match shall end when a team has won 3 singles, each the best of 5 games.

After the second single in a team match, player No. 4 of the team may replace player A1 or A2 (for the home team) respectively player B1 or B2 (for the away team). Such a player substitution must be announced by the respective team captain to the Referee at the latest before the start of the third single.

J.10.5 There shall be only one interval of not more than 15 minutes after the second individual match. For televised matches there shall be no delays.

## **J.11 PLAYING CONDITIONS**

J.11.1 For the ECLM the dimensions of the playing court shall not be less than 16 m long, 8 m wide and 5 m high, for the ETC the dimensions of the playing court shall not be less than 14 m long, 7 m wide and 4 m high.

J.11.2 All matches in the ECLM shall be played on ITTF approved floor mats.

J.11.3 The light intensity shall not be less than 600 LUX over the table.

J.11.4 The minimum temperature in the playing area shall not be less than 16° C.

J.11.5 The playing conditions must be checked and approved by the Referee, whose decision shall be final. Even in case of disputes about the playing conditions the clubs are obliged to play the match.

## **J.12 TROPHIES**

J.12.1 The “European Champions League Trophy” and the “ETTU Cup – Men” shall be presented by a representative of the ETTU to the respective winning teams.

J.12.2 Medals shall be presented by a representative of the ETTU to the individual members of the winning team and the losing finalists of the ECLM and ETCM.

## **J.13 DRESS/COLOURS**

J.13.1 The home club shall notify the visiting team of the colours of its playing clothing and the visiting team shall wear different colours.

J.13.2 Advertisements on players’ clothing shall comply with ITTF Regulations for International Competitions.

## **J.14 REFEREES and UMPIRES**

J.14.1 For all matches other than the quarter-final, semi-final and final matches (in the ECLM), semi-final and final matches (in the ETCM) the Association of the home club shall appoint at least three umpires. At least one of these umpires shall be an International Umpire and shall additionally fulfil the duties of the Referee.

J.14.2 For the quarter-final, semi-final and final matches (in the ECLM), semi-final and final matches (in the ETCM) the General Secretary, in co-operation with the Referees and Umpires Committee, shall arrange for two International Umpires coming from an Association other than those of the clubs whose teams are involved in the respective match. One of these International Umpires shall additionally fulfil the duties of the Referee. The Association of the home club shall provide umpires to perform the duties of assistant umpires.

J.14.2.1 In emergency cases, other international umpires present at the match may replace the missing nominated umpires, one of them taking over the duty as Referee.

J.14.3 The umpires appointed by the ETTU shall receive free hospitality, a daily allowance of 15 € and shall also get their travel expenses reimbursed by the home club.

## **J.15 RESULTS**

J.15.1 Immediately after a match the home club shall send by e-mail to both the ETTU Secretariat and the ETTU result service a copy of the results sheet, and within 3 days the home club shall send the official results sheet to the ETTU Secretariat by normal post.



**J.16 ECCM PENALTY CATALOGUE**

- J.16.1 A club violating the ITTF Laws, the ETTU Constitution, the ETTU regulations or the ETTU Directives may be disqualified from the competition, may be fined up to 5,000 € and may be banned from competing in the ECL and/or the ETTU Cup in the following season(s). The same penalties may be imposed on a team which has refused to continue the match until its end or whose players, coaches or officials during or in connection with a match have behaved in a way that the table tennis sport has been brought into disrepute.
- J.16.2 In case of infringement of Regulation J.8.5, the club may be disqualified from all competitions under the jurisdiction of the ETTU, and may be banned for one or two seasons and fined up to 5,000 €. The team of such a player may lose all matches of the current playing season by 3:0.
- J.16.3 A club not fulfilling the duties to offer appropriate hospitality (at least \*\*\* hotels plus lunch and dinner) may be fined up to 3,000 € and lose the right to play at home for up to 5 home matches.
- J.16.4.1 A club failing to observe the Regulations concerning advertisement within the playing area may be disqualified from the competition, may be fined up to 5,000 € and may be banned from competing in the following 1 or 2 seasons.
- J.16.4.2 A club whose players fail to observe the Regulations concerning advertisements on players' clothing may be disqualified from the competition, may be fined up to 5,000 € and may be banned from competing in the following 1 or 2 seasons.
- J.16.5 A club nominating a player and qualifying for the ECL through this player's ranking points, but not letting this player take part in the competition, may be fined up to 5,000 € and may be banned from competing in the ECLM and/or ETCM in the following seasons.
- J.16.6 A club failing to send the results of a match as specified (to both addresses, the result service and the ETTU Secretariat), failing to make a prompt and satisfactory financial settlement with an opposing club, using wrong equipment, not inviting the opponent team before the relating deadline or failing to provide the LSS may be subject to a fine of 500 € on the first occasion; on a second occasion this fine is increased to 1,000 € and on all further occasions to 2,000 €.
- J.16.7 In case a club entering the Men's club competitions and qualified for the ECLM decides not to participate may be fined up to 2.000 € and may be banned from competing in the ETTU Club competitions for 1 or 2 seasons.
- J.16.8 All the penalties mentioned in this chapter shall be imposed by the Club Competitions Official.

**J.17 JURISDICTION**

- J.17.1 A club wishing to protest about any aspect of an ECCM match shall send this protest, together with all relevant details, by e-mail to the ETTU Secretariat, within 2 working days after the date of the match. No protest shall be accepted after this deadline.
- J.17.2 The club competition official has to take a decision concerning a protest as soon as possible after the protest has been received and the necessary hearing and investigations have been concluded.

- J.17.3 A club wishing to protest against a decision of the Club Competition Official shall send this protest, together with the relevant details, including reasoning, by e-mail via the ETTU Secretariat to the Board of Justice within 4 working days after the receipt of the decision. No protest shall be accepted after this deadline.
- J.17.4 The costs of the procedure of the BoJ shall include the actual expenses and the lodging's fee of 1.000 €. This latter fee shall be paid into the ETTU bank account and has to be received by the ETTU within eight (8) days of the submission of the case.
- J.17.5 Through the intermediary of the General Secretary, the BoJ shall inform the opposing or accused party (parties) within fifteen (15) days of the case lodging.
- J.17.6 Any appeal against the decision of the Board of Justice shall be made to the Board of Appeal, within 3 working days of the notification of the decision of the Board of Justice, which should principally be communicated via the ETTU Secretariat. The decision of the Board of Appeal shall be final on ETTU level.
- J.17.7 The costs of the procedure of the BoA shall include the actual expenses and the appeal fee of 1.000 €. This latter fee shall be paid into the ETTU bank account and has to be received by the ETTU within eight (8) days of the submission of the case.
- J.17.8 Through the intermediary of the General Secretary, the BoA shall inform any other party (parties) concerned within fifteen (15) days of the appeal lodging.
- J.17.9 At the time of making a protest, the protesting club shall send to the ETTU bank account a fee of 1.000 € per case, which will be refunded if the protest is not upheld or if the contested sentence is cancelled.
- J.17.10 At the time of making an appeal, the appealing club shall send to the ETTU bank account a fee of 1.000 € per case, which will be refunded if the appeal is not upheld or if the contested sentence is cancelled.
- J.17.11 In case of, any appeal against the decision of the Board of Appeal at the Court of Arbitration for Sports shall be made within 14 days of the notification of the decision of the Board of Appeal, which should principally be communicated via the ETTU Secretariat.

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## **K EUROPEAN CLUB COMPETITION - WOMEN**

### **K.1 European Club Competition - Women**

The European Club Competition - Women shall be organised in two different events:

- a) The European Champions League (named hereafter **ECLW**).
- b) The ETTU Cup (named hereafter **ETCW**)

K.1.2 The European Club Competition - Women shall be open for the winners of the ECLW and ETCW of the previous season and up to seven (7) clubs of each Member Association, taking part during the same season in the top national league, and having been entered nominated by their Association.

K.1.3 The competition shall be conducted on behalf of the Club Competition Official by the ETTU General Secretary, who shall have the authority to change dates of matches whenever needed. Upon a justified request from a club, the Executive Board shall have the authority to change the venue of a match even to a location situated on the territory of a neighbouring Member Association. All matches shall be played at a venue located within 4 hours from CET time.

### **K.2 QUALIFICATION**

#### **K.2.1 ECLW**

The ECLW shall be open only to

- a) the winner of the ECLW of the previous season;
- b) the seven (7) highest ranked teams (considering all entries) from the seeding list based on the total number of ranking points of the three highest ranked players on the current World Ranking List, but only one (1) "foreign player" being considered.

K.2.1.1 No more than two (2) clubs from the same Association are entitled to participate in the ECLW.

K.2.1.2 If a qualified club does not enter the ECLW or does not fulfil the requirements set up, the Executive Board will decide which other club may fill the vacant position.

K.2.1.3 In case a qualified club does not participate in the ECLW, this club is not allowed to participate in the ETCW neither.

K.2.1.4 Every club engaged in the ECLW has to participate with one representative in at least one meeting per season, convened by ETTU.

#### **K.2.2 ETCW**

All teams not qualified for the ECLW may play in the ETCW.

### **K.3 MARKETING REGULATION (only for ECLW)**

K.3.1 The ETTU holds the following rights for every team match within the ECLW:

K.3.1.1 The international TV rights.

K.3.1.2 The rights for live streaming on Internet.

K.3.1.3 The exclusive right to appoint a title sponsor – to be communicated at least 3 months before the start of the ECLW – plus the right to provide advertising exposure to the title sponsor at every ECLW match.

Host clubs must always, in any publication under their responsibility regarding the ECLW, use the correct denomination of the title sponsor. A club failing to do this shall be fined by the Club Competition Official and eventually made liable for the payment of all undisputed damages claimed by the title sponsor.

K.3.1.4 Advertisement space on 25 % of the surrounds per court. (only in case a title sponsor has been appointed)

K.3.2 Every club participating in the ECLW has to fulfil the obligations regarding the production of live streaming.

K.3.2.1 Every club in the ETCW reaching the quarter finals has to fulfil the obligations regarding the production of Live Streaming.

K.3.3 Each club participating in the ECLW has to provide the necessary facilities and staff for the electronic transmission of each home match by a “live ticker” system (LSS) made available by the ETTU.

The LSS Service may also be provided by the Host Club using another than the ETTU’s tool, but only after previous authorisation by the ETTU. In any case, additional services must not be less than those provided by the official ETTU web site.

All relevant technical details are stated in the respective directives.

#### **K.4 ENTRIES**

K.4.1 A club wishing to enter the ETTU Club Competition - Women shall send a completed entry form to the ETTU Secretariat to arrive latest by 30<sup>th</sup> of June, including the address, the phone and fax numbers of their playing hall, the type of the floor the club uses for the home matches, the equipment used (tables, nets, colour of the shirts, balls), the names of its six eligible players and the name of the responsible, authorized club representative.

In case of emergency (illness or injuries of several players) the ETTU General Secretary may allow the participation of a not nominated player. In such a case a nominated player cannot be nominated as reserve player for the relating match.

K.4.2 Together with the entry form for its team, a club shall submit, separately for each one of its nominated players, a player registration form provided by the ETTU.

This registration form must include the confirmation, that

- a) the club and the player have signed a contract ensuring that the player will be at the disposal of the club during the whole period of the relevant playing season,
- b) the club and the player have accepted the provision of article K.8.5 in the ETTU Handbook regarding the eligibility for the ECLW.

The registration form must be signed by the player and one or more duly authorized representatives of the club. All signatures must be notarized or at least certified by legalized copies of valid identity documents.

K.4.3 The authorization to enter the ECLW must be obtained from the National Association, which shall be responsible for its clubs and players with respect to entry fee, discipline, nominations, eligibility and in compliance with the ETTU regulations.

K.4.4 The Associations concerned shall send to the ETTU bank account the following entry fees:

ECLW: 1,000 €

ETCW: 250 €.

**K.5 FIXTURES**

K.5.1 The competition shall be held each season between 1<sup>st</sup> August and end of June, according to a schedule agreed by the Executive Board.

K.5.2 The actual playing season shall be from the day before the first round of the competition until the day after the second final match.

**K.5.3 ECLW**

K.5.3.1 Matches shall normally be played on a Friday, but clubs may agree to play on an earlier date or on the following Saturday or Sunday. In case of disagreement the official playing day is Friday.

K.5.3.2 Dates and times of the final matches have to be approved by the ETTU in advance. All clubs participating in the final matches are invited to have their matches played on different days (or at least at different times) for a better promotion of the event.

K.5.3.3 In the last round of the group matches, all matches shall be played on the same day (Friday) and started at the same time (7,30 p.m. – CET).

K.5.3.4 For the group matches the home club shall send the visiting club a written invitation, to arrive not later than 6 weeks before the match is due to be played, giving details of the location, starting time and accommodation, and shall send a copy of this invitation to the ETTU Secretariat. Clubs failing to respect this provision and/or the relating deadline are subject to a fine (according to clause K.16).

For the quarter-final, semi-final and final matches the qualified clubs shall send to their opponents, as soon as possible, a written invitation giving details of the location, starting time and accommodation, and shall send a copy of this invitation to the ETTU Secretariat.

**K.5.4 ETCW**

K.5.4.1 In the first two rounds, group matches shall be played on Saturday and on Sunday, whereof the time schedule shall be as follows:

Group with 4 teams:

Round 1: Saturday at 2 pm

Round 2: Saturday at 7 pm

Round 3: Sunday at 10 am

Group with 5 teams:

Round 1: Saturday at 10 am

Round 2: Saturday at 2 pm

Round 3: Saturday at 7 pm

Round 4: Sunday at 10 am

Round 5: Sunday at 2 pm

K.5.4.2 Starting with the 3<sup>rd</sup> round, matches shall normally be played on a Friday, but clubs may agree to play on an earlier date or on the following Saturday or Sunday. In case of disagreement the official playing day is Friday.

K.5.4.3 The home club shall send to the visiting club a written invitation, to arrive not later than 21 days before the match is due to be played, giving details of the location, start time and accommodation, the brands and colours of tables and balls which will be used in the match, and shall send a copy of this invitation to the ETTU Secretariat. Clubs failing to respect this provision and/or the relating deadline are subject to a fine (according to clause K.16).

**K.6 HOSPITALITY**

K.6.1 The home club shall provide to the away club free hospitality, full board and lodging at a hotel of good standard for 2 days/nights (in case of a group with 4 teams and for direct knock-out matches), respectively for 3 days/nights (in case of a group with 5 teams) for 5 visiting persons, as well as transport from the local airport or railway station to the hotel or playing hall.

K.6.2 For the second final match, the host club shall moreover provide free hospitality for two (2) days for 1 ETTU representative.

**K.7 THE DRAW**

K.7.1 The draw shall be made in public by the ETTU General Secretary on a date and place to be published at least two months in advance on the official ETTU web site. Only clubs which have complied with regulation K.4 will be included in the draw. All clubs entered and all Member Associations will be notified of the result of the draw.

**K.7.2 ECLW**

K.7.2.1 The draw for all eight (8) teams in the competition will be according to a specific seeding list set up by the Ranking Committee and based on the total number of the ranking points on the current World Ranking of the 3 highest ranked players nominated by each club, but only 1 “foreign player” being considered for that purpose. The team seeded number 1 shall be placed in position 1 of Group A; the team seeded number 2 shall be placed in position 1 of Group B. The remaining teams shall then be drawn 2 by 2 into the 2 groups. Clubs from a same Association shall, as far as possible, be drawn into different groups.

**K.7.3 ETCW**

K.7.3.1 8 teams will be directly drawn to the second round and 8 teams will be drawn into the 'Last-16'-round.

These latter 8 teams shall be the 2 ETCW finalists of the previous season and 6 teams according to a relating seeding list set up by the Ranking Committee and based on the total of the ranking points on the current World Ranking of the 3 highest ranked players nominated by each club, but only 1 “foreign player” being considered for that purpose.

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K.7.4 For players who are no longer listed on the World Ranking, the following regulation will be applied:

- **50** points less than their last World Ranking Points for players whose last result recorded for World Ranking is less than 2 year old;
- **100** points less than their last World Ranking Points for players whose last result recorded for World Ranking is between 2 and 3 years old;
- **150** points less than their last World Ranking Points for players whose last result recorded for World Ranking is between 3 and 4 years old;
- **200** points less than their last World Ranking Points for players whose last result recorded for World Ranking is between 4 and 5 years old;
- **250** points less than their last World Ranking Points for players whose last result recorded for World Ranking is between 5 and 6 years old;
- **300** points less than their last World Ranking Points for players whose last result recorded for World Ranking is between 6 and 7 years old;
- **350** points less than their last World Ranking Points for players whose last result recorded for World Ranking is between 7 and 8 years old;
- **400** points less than their last World Ranking Points for players whose last result recorded for World Ranking is between 8 and 9 years old;
- **450** points less than their last World Ranking Points for players whose last result recorded for World Ranking is between 9 and 10 years old.

No points for players who were never on the World Ranking List (except for Chinese players).

Players not included in the World Ranking List but having a high ranking in a National League may be given a value of up to **2350** points by the Ranking Committee.

## **K.8 COMPOSITION OF TEAMS (ECLW and ETCW)**

K.8.1 Only nominated players are entitled to represent their club.

A club shall nominate 6 players on the relevant entry form. In this list, only 2 players who are not eligible in accordance with the provisions of Regulation B.10 to represent the club concerned (“foreign players”) may be nominated and must be clearly designated. Amendments to this list may be made only up to the draw and shall be sent by e-mail to the ETTU Secretariat; no alterations shall be accepted after the dead-line fixed on the entry forms.

In case a player starts the competition as a “foreign player” and his nationality changes during the playing season he shall nonetheless continue to be considered as a “foreign player” up to the end of the current playing season.

K.8.2 Only 1 “foreign player” is entitled to participate in a team match. In case one “foreign player” is nominated to participate in the team match, it is not allowed to nominate the second “foreign player”, if given, as “reserve player”.

K.8.3 By 10<sup>th</sup> of August the ETTU Secretariat shall send to the participating clubs and to their Associations a list of the players nominated by each club.

K.8.4 A player shall compete only for one club in the period starting the day before the first round of the competition until the day after the club of the player has played the last match in the competition of the event in international team competitions under the control of the ETTU or any other Continental Federation/Union. This regulation also applies to players who are principally eligible to take part in team competitions on national level under the authority of an ITTF Member Association, except commitments for their national team.

**K.8.5 ECLW**

Only players who have participated in at least 50% of the group matches are allowed to play the semi-final and final matches. Reserve players being present in the playing hall of a match will be considered as participants of that match, if their presence is confirmed by the Referee on the result sheet of that match.

**K.9 PLAYING FORMAT**

**K.9.1 ECLW**

K.9.1.1 The ECLW will be played in two stages.

K.9.1.2 In the 1<sup>st</sup> stage, the teams will be divided into 2 groups of 4 teams and in each group the teams of this group will play each other in order to determine the final ranking order in each group.

K.9.1.3 In the 2<sup>nd</sup> stage the winners and the 2<sup>nd</sup> ranked teams of the groups will play in a single knock-out competition, with semi-finals and a final, to determine the winner of the competition.

The home right for the first leg of these matches will be given to the 2<sup>nd</sup> ranked teams of the groups, for the final matches the home right for the first leg will be given to the lower ranked team.

After the group matches of the ECLW, the two teams ranked on position 3 in the two groups shall continue to compete in the ETTU Cup (see chapter L.8.6)

K.9.1.4 In all stages each tie will be played in 2 legs, home and away.

K.9.1.5 If in a match of the second stage each team has won one leg, the winner will be the team with the better aggregate score, the two legs being considered together, first in individual matches, then in games and finally in points. If the teams are then still at equality, the winner shall be decided by lot.

**K.9.2 ETCW**

K.9.2.1 In the first two rounds the competition shall be played in groups of 3, 4 or 5 teams. In the 1<sup>st</sup> round, the teams finishing in positions 1 and 2 in every group will qualify for the second round.

K.9.2.2 In the second round the competition shall be played in groups of 4 teams. The teams finishing in position 1 in every group shall qualify for the round of the last sixteen.



- K.9.2.3 From the 3<sup>rd</sup> round on, a competition according to the single knock-out system will be used with 8 teams drawn directly into the last 16 according to the provisions of Regulation K.6.2., and the 2 teams having been ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> in the ECLW groups) directly drawn directly to the quarter-finals.
- K.9.2.4 The quarter-finals, semi-finals and finals will be played in 2 legs, home and away. The home right for the first leg will be given to the lower ranked team.
- K.9.2.5 If each team has won one leg, the winner will be the team with the better aggregate score, the two legs being considered together, first in individual matches, then in games and finally in points. If the teams are then still at equality, the winner shall be decided by lot.
- K.9.3 In a group, 2 match points shall be awarded for a win, 1 for a loss and 0 for a loss in a not played or unfinished match, and the ranking order shall be determined primarily by the numbers of match points gained.
  - K.9.3.1 If 2 or more teams have gained the same number of match points, their relative positions shall be determined by the results only of matches between them, taking successively the numbers of match points, then the ratio of wins to losses in games and then the ratio of wins to losses in points, as far as it is necessary to determine the ranking order.
  - K.9.3.2 If after any step the positions of one or more teams have been determined while others are still equal, the results of matches in which those teams took part shall be excluded from any further calculations needed to resolve the equalities in accordance with the procedure of K.9.3.1.
  - K.9.3.3. If 2 or more teams have gained the same number of match points and have the same ratios of wins to losses in games and points, their relative positions shall be decided by lot.

**K.10 PLAYING SYSTEM**

- K.10.1 The playing system shall be the new Swaythling Cup system (best of 5 singles).
- K.10.2 A team shall consist of 3 or 4 players selected from those nominated by the team's club for the event.
- K.10.3 All individual matches (singles) shall be played on the same table.
- K.10.4 The home team is considered to be composed by the players A1, A2, A3 and the visiting team is considered to be composed by the players B1, B2, B3.  
 The order of play in a team match shall be A1 v B2, A2 v B1, A3 v B3, A1 v B1, A2 v B2, and the match shall end when a team has won 3 singles, each the best of 5 games.  
 After the second single in a team match, player No. 4 of the team may replace player A1 or A2 (for the home team) respectively player B1 or B2 (for the away team). Such a player substitution must be announced by the respective team captain to the Referee at the latest before the start of the third single.
- K.10.5 There shall be only one interval of not more than 15 minutes after the second individual match. For televised matches there shall be no delays.

**K.11 PLAYING CONDITIONS**

- K.11.1 For the ECLW the dimensions of the playing court shall not be less than 16 m long, 8 m wide and 5 m high, for the ETC the dimensions of the playing court shall not be less than 14 m long, 7 m wide and 4 m high.
- K.11.2 All matches in the ECLW shall be played on ITTF approved floor mats.
- K.11.3 The light intensity shall not be less than 600 LUX over the table.
- K.11.4 The minimum temperature in the playing area shall not be less than 16° C.
- K.11.5 The playing conditions must be checked and approved by the Referee, whose decision shall be final. Even in case of disputes about the playing conditions the clubs are obliged to play the match.

**K.12 TROPHIES**

- K.12.1 The “European Champions League Trophy” and the “ETTU Cup – Women” shall be presented by a representative of the ETTU to the respective winning teams.
- K.12.2 Medals shall be presented by a representative of the ETTU to the individual members of the winning team and the losing finalists of the ECLW and ETCW.

**K.13 DRESS/COLOURS**

- K.13.1 The home club shall notify the visiting team of the colours of its playing clothing and the visiting team shall wear different colours.
- K.13.2 Advertisements on players’ clothing shall comply with ITTF Regulations for International Competitions.

**K.14 REFEREES and UMPIRES**

- K.14.1 For all matches other than the semi-final and final matches, the Association of the home club shall appoint at least three umpires. At least one of these umpires shall be an International Umpire and shall additionally fulfil the duties of the Referee.
- K.14.2 For the semi-final and final matches of the ECL the General Secretary, in co-operation with the Referees and Umpires Committee, shall arrange for two International Umpires coming from an Association other than those of the clubs whose teams are involved in the respective match. One of these International Umpires shall additionally fulfil the duties of the Referee. The Association of the home club shall provide umpires to perform the duties of assistant umpires.
  - K.14.2.1 In emergency cases, other international umpires present at the match may replace the missing nominated umpires, one of them taking over the duty as Referee.
- K.14.3 The umpires appointed by the ETTU shall receive free hospitality, a daily allowance of 15 € and shall also get their travel expenses reimbursed by the home club.

**K.15 RESULTS**

K.15.1 Immediately after a match the home club shall send by e-mail to both the ETTU Secretariat and the ETTU result service a copy of the results sheet, and within 3 days the home club shall send the official results sheet to the ETTU Secretariat by normal post.

**K.16 ECCW PENALTY CATALOGUE**

K.16.1 A club violating the ITTF Laws, the ETTU Constitution, the ETTU regulations or the ETTU Directives may be disqualified from the competition, may be fined up to 5,000 € and may be banned from competing in the ECL and/or the ETTU Cup in the following season(s). The same penalties may be imposed on a team which has refused to continue the match until its end or whose players, coaches or officials during or in connection with a match have behaved in a way that the table tennis sport has been brought into disrepute.

K.16.2 In case of infringement of Regulation K.8.5, the club may be disqualified from all competitions under the jurisdiction of the ETTU, and may be banned for one or two seasons and fined up to 5,000 €. The team of such a player may lose all matches of the current playing season by 3:0.

K.16.3 A club not fulfilling the duties to offer appropriate hospitality (at least \*\*\* hotels plus lunch and dinner) may be fined up to 3,000 € and lose the right to play at home for up to 5 home matches.

K.16.4 K.16.4.1 A club failing to observe the Regulations concerning advertisement within the playing area may be disqualified from the competition, may be fined up to 5,000 € and may be banned from competing in the following 1 or 2 seasons.

K.16.4.2 A club whose players fail to observe the Regulations concerning advertisements on players' clothing may be disqualified from the competition, may be fined up to 5,000 € and may be banned from competing in the following 1 or 2 seasons.

K.16.5 A club nominating a player and qualifying for the ECL through this player's ranking points, but not letting this player take part in the competition, may be fined up to 5,000 € and may be banned from competing in the ECLW and/or ETCW in the following seasons.

K.16.6 A club failing to send the results of a match as specified (to both addresses, the result service and the ETTU Secretariat), failing to make a prompt and satisfactory financial settlement with an opposing club, using wrong equipment, not inviting the opponent team before the relating deadline or failing to provide the LSS may be subject to a fine of 500 € on the first occasion; on a second occasion this fine is increased to 1,000 € and on all further occasions to 2,000 €.

K.16.7 All the penalties mentioned in this chapter shall be imposed by the Club Competitions Official.

**K.17 JURISDICTION**

K.17.1 A club wishing to protest about any aspect of an ECCW match shall send this protest, together with all relevant details, by e-mail to the ETTU Secretariat, within 2 working days after the date of the match. No protest shall be accepted after this deadline.

- K.17.2 The club competition official has to take a decision concerning a protest as soon as possible after the protest has been received and the necessary hearing and investigations have been concluded.
- K.17.3 A club wishing to protest against a decision of the Club Competition Official shall send this protest, together with the relevant details, including reasoning, by e-mail via the ETTU Secretariat to the Board of Justice within 4 working days after the receipt of the decision. No protest shall be accepted after this deadline.
- K.17.4 The Board of Justice shall decide concerning a protest within 7 days after the receipt of this protest.
- K.17.5 Any appeal against the decision of the Board of Justice shall be made to the Board of Appeal, within 3 working days of the notification of the decision of the Board of Justice, which should principally be communicated via the ETTU Secretariat. The decision of the Board of Appeal shall be final on ETTU level.
- K.17.6 At the time of making a protest, the protesting club shall send to the ETTU bank account a fee of 1.000 € per case, which will be refunded if the protest is not upheld or if the contested sentence is cancelled.
- K.17.7 At the time of making an appeal, the appealing club shall send to the ETTU bank account a fee of 1.000 € per case, which will be refunded if the appeal is not upheld or if the contested sentence is cancelled.
- K.17.8 In case of, any appeal against the decision of the Board of Appeal at the Court of Arbitration for Sports shall be made within 14 days of the notification of the decision of the Board of Appeal, which should principally be communicated via the ETTU Secretariat.

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# O ATHLETES COMMISSION

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Pursuant to the recommendation of the IOC 2000 Reform Commission that “*athletes should be well represented at all levels of the sports movement*”, the IOC encourages IFs to form their own athletes’ commissions.

### O.1. MISSION

The mission of the ETTU Athletes’ Commission (hereafter “Commission”) is to represent the views of the athletes and make their voice heard within the ETTU.

### O.2. OBJECTIVES

- O.2.1 The objectives of the Commission are to
  - O.2.1.1 Consider issues related to athletes and provide advice to the ETTU
  - O.2.1.2 Represent the rights and interests of athletes and to make related recommendations
  - O.2.1.3 Maintain contact with the ITTF Athletes’ Commission, EOC and EPC Athletes’ Commissions.
- O.2.2 The Commission shall have the following specific tasks and activities:
  - O.2.2.1 to establish a means of seeking athletes’ opinion on issues of major importance in TT through as wide a network of enquiry as possible;
  - O.2.2.2 to keep the ETTU EB regularly informed of athlete opinion on issues of major importance in TT;
  - O.2.2.3 to report to the EB on organisational issues that may arise in connection with athlete participation at the different competitions organised under the ETTU umbrella;
  - O.2.2.4 to provide opinions on specific issues of athlete interest that may be entrusted to it by the ETTU;
  - O.2.2.5 to promote a “healthy image” and “fairplay” including anti-doping, anti-corruption and illegal betting;
  - O.2.2.6 to be the link between active athletes and ETTU
  - O.2.2.7 to liaise and consult with other Committees and Commissions, where appropriate;
  - O.2.2.8 to contribute to the promotion and fostering of the European and worldwide development of TT.

### O.3. COMPOSITION OF THE COMMISSION

- O.3.1 The Commission is composed of 5 members:
  - O.3.1.1 4 athletes elected during the European Championships
  - O.3.1.2 1 athlete elected during the PTT EC
- O.3.2 They must be at least 16 years of age and have never been sanctioned for a doping offence.
- O.3.3 It will not be possible to have more than 1 representative of the same National Association, except the Para TT representative who may come from the same association as another member of the Athletes Commission.

O.3.4 The term of office is 4 years. It may be renewed. Inactive members may be replaced after 1 year. A minimum 75% of the members must vote in favour of replacing an inactive member provided that such member has had an opportunity to present reasons for their inactivity. Such inactive member shall be replaced by the athlete who placed next on the results of the election, if still available, provided that he or she shall not come from an association already represented on the Commission and that the gender representation is maintained.

**O.4. ELECTED MEMBERS**

O.4.1 Elections: the athletes in collaboration with ETTU organise the election on the occasion of the:

O.4.1.1 European Championships (EC)

O.4.1.2 The PTT European Championships (PTT EC) in the year following the election of the ETTU EB. The first elections will be held in 2013 at the EC in Vienna and PTT EC in Lignano. Then the next elections will be held in 2017 and every 4 years thereafter.

O.4.2 Organisation of elections: in cooperation with the athletes' commission the ETTU Secretariat will send the information to all European NAs.

O.4.2.1 Eligibility criteria: candidates must meet the following criteria:

- a) must be nominated by his/her NA prior to the EC and PTT EC where the election takes place and having participated at the previous EC and PTT EC during the period of the last 4 years.
- b) must be 16 years of age at the time the election takes place
- c) must not have been sanctioned for a doping offence or illegal betting
- d) must have been selected by his/her NA
- e) a NA may present up to 2 candidates

The eligibility of each candidate is decided and confirmed by the EB.

O.4.2.2 Presentation and submission of candidatures:

To be admissible, the candidature proposal must include the following documents and be received by the ETTU by the date set in the invitation:

- a) a candidature form, duly signed by the candidate and the President of his/her NA
- b) a complete biography form
- c) a recent passport photo

O.4.2.3 Election process

- a) Electorate: all athletes taking part in the EC and PTT EC have the right to vote
- b) Information: the ETTU will publish an election leaflet which presents all the candidates and gives general information on the elections (dates, locations, voting procedure etc.)
- c) Voting procedure: is described in the election manual and shall in any case comply with the following principles:
  - each player has one vote
  - the vote must be exercised in person and by secret ballot
  - voting by proxy or correspondence is not allowed

- abstentions, blank or spoiled votes are not taken into consideration in the calculation of the required majority.

d) Elected athletes: one male and one female athlete who obtain the highest number of votes are elected to the Commission; thereafter 2 more athletes who obtain the highest number of votes are elected to the Commission; the Para TT athlete who obtains the highest number of votes is elected to the Commission at the PTT EC.

e) Tie: in case of a tie, preference is given:

- to a candidate to balance gender equity
- finally to the highest ranked candidate in the ITTF World Ranking.

**O.5. CHAIR OF THE ATHLETES COMMISSION**

He /she will be proposed by the Commission to the EB.

**O.6. REPRESENTATION OF THE COMMISSION WITHIN THE ETTU**

O.6.1 The Chair of the Commission is a co-opted member of the EB, with no voting rights.

O.6.2 The Chair can be replaced by an AC member to attend the EB meetings.

**O.7. MEETING OF THE COMMISSION**

O.7.1 The Commission shall meet at least once a year before, at, or immediately after the European Championships at the same place.

O.7.2 The ETTU is responsible for ensuring, within its means, that the Commission is able to meet.

O.7.3 Travel: the ETTU is responsible for 100% of the agreed economy air fare for the Chair and for the Para TT member of the Commission should they not otherwise be at the EC.

O.7.4 Accommodation: the ETTU is responsible to provide full board accommodation for the Chair and for the Para TT member of the Commission for the official dates stated in the invitation to the meeting.

O.7.5 The working language of the Commission will be English.

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## **Y YOUTH OLYMPIC QUALIFICATION TOURNAMENT**

### **Y.1 AUTHORITY FOR ORGANISATION**

- Y.1.1 The tournament – girls and boys singles only - shall be organised by **one** member Association appointed by the ETTU.
- Y.1.2 Application procedure and decision
- Y.1.2.1 Any Association wishing to organise the championships shall send a written application to the General Secretary.
- Y.1.2.2 The following conditions have to be acknowledged:
- The closing date for applications shall be specified by the Executive Board and notified to all Associations.
  - Applications must be in line with the relevant Regulations, Directives as well as the Technical and Economic Directives.
  - All details of organisation must be included in the presentation of the venue to the Executive Board, on the basis of the directives for presentations.
- Y.1.2.3 The Regulations, the Technical and Economic Directives and the directives for presentations can be obtained from the General Secretary, who will also set the date for the presentations.
- Y.1.2.4 The Executive Board, together with the chairperson of the Youth Committee, shall appoint the organising Association, after the evaluation of the presentations held by the applicants.
- Y.1.2.5 The championships shall be organised according to the provisions of a contract between ETTU and the Host Association to be signed no later than or 18 months (starting from 2014) before the start of the event.

### **Y.2 RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS**

- Y.2.1 All international TV, Internet, equipment, advertising and marketing rights are vested in the ETTU. The exact distribution of responsibilities in these sectors shall be stated in the Technical and Economic Directives and finally laid down in the contract between ETTU and the organiser.
- Y.2.2 All gate receipts belong to the Host Association.

### **Y.3 QUALIFICATION**

- Y.3.1 The Youth Olympic Qualification Tournament shall be open to all European National Olympic Committees, which shall enter the players through the ETTU member Associations concerned.
- Y.3.2 All players shall be eligible to represent their NOC according to the IOC regulations.

### **Y.4 DATE and DURATION**

- Y.4.1 The Olympic Qualification Tournament shall be held on the dates fixed by the ETTU in accordance with the closing dates for entries to the Olympic Tournament.
- Y.4.2 The duration of the Singles Qualification Tournament will be decided together with its system of play (Y.11).
- Y.4.3 The organising Association shall submit an outline schedule to the ETTU Competition Manager for approval.



**Y.5 EVENTS**

Y.5.1 The Tournament shall include girls and boys singles.

**Y.6 LEVIES**

Y.6.1 The organising Association shall pay to the ETTU a levy of 2,000 €.

**Y.7 ENTRIES**

**Y.7.1 Numbers**

G.7.1.1 The numbers of players which may be entered by a NOC will be approved by the Executive Board and made known to all Associations not later than 12 months before the tournament.

**Y.7.2 Entry Forms**

Y.7.2.1 Entry forms shall be agreed with the General Secretary and shall include a statement to be signed by an official of the nominating NOC on behalf of its players, that they understand and accept the conditions of the tournament and that they are prepared to compete against all other players participating.

Y.7.2.2 Entry forms shall be sent by the organising Association to all member Associations not later than 3 months before the start of each tournament.

Y.7.2.3 Completed entry forms shall be sent to the ETTU not later than 2 months before its start.

Y.7.2.4 ETTU will accept only entry forms properly signed by a representative of the nominating NOC, which are received on or before the closing date.

**Y.7.3 Modification**

Y.7.3.1 The General Secretary may accept alterations of names only, if notified by a representative of the nominating Association up to 4 days before the start of the Championships with the possibility to complete, up to the first jury meeting, in case of illness or injury.

**Y.8 HOSPITALITY**

Y.8.1 The organising Association shall provide free hospitality from the evening before the tournament begins until the morning after it ends for

Y.8.1.1 the Executive Board members, the Press and Medical Officials or their deputies, the Chairpersons of the Ranking and Youth Committees, up to 2 persons of the ETTU Marketing Department and two ETTU staff members and for all invited foreign deputy referees and umpires;

Y.8.1.2 from two evenings before the tournament begins until the morning after it ends for the ETTU Competition manager and the referee.

Y.8.2 The organising Association shall provide free hospitality and reimburse the travel costs for the ETTU Competition Manager when he inspects the facilities and proposed playing conditions of the tournament.

Y.8.3 The cost of hospitality for participants of the tournament shall be agreed in advance by the Executive Board.

**Y.9 THE DRAW**

- Y.9.1 The draw for singles events shall be public and take place the day before the start of the tournament.
- Y.9.2 The draw shall be conducted by the Chairperson of the Youth Committee.
- Y.9.3 The Executive Board shall determine the European ranking lists to be used as the basis for the seeding list for singles events.

**Y.10 JURY**

- Y.10.1 The Jury shall consist of the Chairmen of the Ranking and Youth Committees, a representative of the organising Association, of the Referee or his deputy, and the ETTU Competition Manager.
- Y.10.2 The Chairperson of the Jury shall be the Chairperson of the Youth Committee.
- Y.10.3 The Jury shall meet on the eve of the tournament and at any other time when necessary.
- Y.10.4 All members of the Jury shall have the right to speak and to vote, except the ETTU CM, who has the right to speak but not to vote.

**Y.11 SYSTEM OF PLAY**

- Y.11.1 Please see the attached annex 1

**Y.12 OLYMPIC REGULATIONS**

- Y.12.1 The organising Association and all participants shall observe all special regulations for Olympic Qualification Tournament agreed by the ETTU or the ITTF with the IOC.

**Y.13 TROPHIES and AWARDS**

- Y.13.1 There are no official ETTU trophies or awards.

**Y.14 FLAGS and ANTHEMS**

- Y.14.1 If flags or national anthems are used they shall be those of the countries of the NOC to which belong the players taking part in the tournament.

**Y.15 REFEREES and UMPIRES**

- Y.15.1 Latest 5 months before the event, the Organising Association shall send to the ETTU Umpires and Referees Committee the proposal for appointing a Referee. Latest 4 months before the event, the ETTU Umpires and Referees Committee shall send to the Secretary General for the Executive Board's approval the proposal for appointing the Referee and one Deputy Referee. At least, one referee must be from a foreign Association. All referees shall be International Referee from an ETTU Member Association and shall arrive the day before the start of the event.

Y.15.2 All umpires shall be International Umpires. At least 1/3 of the total number of umpires needed shall be from foreign ETTU member Associations. The organising Association shall send to the ETTU Umpires and Referees Committee no later than 4 months before the event, the proposal for appointing umpires.

For all matches during the tournament, the umpire and the assistant umpire shall be from Associations other than those of the players in the match.

Y.15.3 All invited foreign officials shall receive a daily allowance equivalent to 15 €.

**Y.16 FACILITIES**

Y.16.1 The organising Association shall ensure free access to any part of the playing hall for all persons mentioned in Y.8.1.1 and Y.8.1.2 and shall provide them with preferential seats throughout the Tournaments.

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# Y YOUTH OLYMPIC QUALIFICATION TOURNAMENT

## SYSTEM OF PLAY:

1. The competition shall be played in three (3) different stages:
 

Stage 1	Friday	1 <sup>st</sup> day	group matches (8 groups with 3, 4 or 5 players)
Stage 2	Saturday	2 <sup>nd</sup> day	“knock-out” system
Stage 3	Sunday	3 <sup>rd</sup> day	“knock-out” system

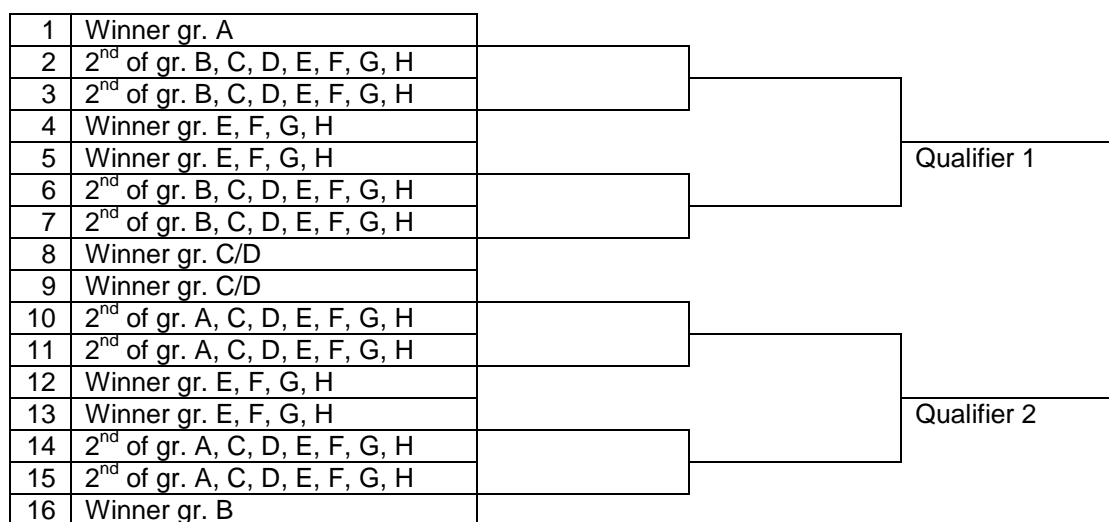
### 2. STAGE 1 ( Friday – 1<sup>st</sup> day)

- 2.1 Participating players shall be spread into 8 groups (A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H) in accordance with the last available World Ranking list.
- 2.2 The players ranked 1 – 8 shall be placed in descending ranking order respectively at the top of the groups A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H.
- 2.3 The remaining players shall be drawn 2 by 2 among the 8 groups taking into account the “snake system” rule.
- 2.4 The first and second ranked player from each group will qualify for the second day DRAW “A”
- 2.5 The third and fourth ranked player from each group will qualify for the second day DRAW “B”. The player eventually ranked fifth in a group finishes his/her participation at this tournament.

### 3. STAGE 2 (Saturday - 2<sup>nd</sup> day)

#### 3.1 DRAW “A”

In stage 2 the progressive knockout system will be used in order to determine the final position for every player, with the exception of a match for position 1 and 2. The winner of group A goes to position 1, the winner of group B goes to position 2, the winners of groups C and D will be drawn among positions 8 and 9, the winners of the groups E, F, G, H will be drawn among positions 4, 5, 12, and 13. The players finishing in position 2 of the first stage groups shall be drawn by lot into the remaining places but in the opposite half to the winners of their initial group (see diagram, which also shows the method for seeding and drawing).



The finalists of the Draw “A” become **Qualifier 1 and Qualifier 2** to for YOG 2010. The remaining 14 players will be drawn into DRAW “C” of the qualification.

#### 3.2 DRAW “B”

In stage 2 the progressive knockout system will be used in order to determine the final position for every player, with the exception of a match for position 1 and 2. The players finishing in position 3 of the first stage groups will be drawn randomly into DRAW “B”. The players finishing in position 4 of the first stage groups shall be drawn by lot into the remaining places but in the opposite half to the winners of their initial group (see diagram, which also shows the method for seeding and drawing).

1	3 <sup>rd</sup> of gr. A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H		
2	4 <sup>th</sup> of gr. A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H		
3	4 <sup>th</sup> of gr. A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H		
4	3 <sup>rd</sup> of gr. A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H		
5	3 <sup>rd</sup> of gr. A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H		
6	4 <sup>th</sup> of gr. A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H		Qualified for DRAW C on 3 <sup>rd</sup> day
7	4 <sup>th</sup> of gr. A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H		
8	3 <sup>rd</sup> of gr. A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H		
9	3 <sup>rd</sup> of gr. A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H		
10	4 <sup>th</sup> of gr. A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H		
11	4 <sup>th</sup> of gr. A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H		
12	3 <sup>rd</sup> of gr. A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H		
13	3 <sup>rd</sup> of gr. A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H		
14	4 <sup>th</sup> of gr. A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H		Qualified for DRAW C on 3 <sup>rd</sup> day
15	4 <sup>th</sup> of gr. A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H		
16	3 <sup>rd</sup> of gr. A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H		

The winner and runner-up of the DRAW "B" will qualify for the DRAW "C" to be played on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of the qualifications.

**4. STAGE 3 (Sunday - 3<sup>rd</sup> day)**

**4.1 DRAW "C"**

The fourteen (14) remaining players from DRAW "A" and the 2 qualified players from DRAW "B" will play in a single knock-out system DRAW "C". The semi-finalists of the DRAW "A" will go to position N° 1 and position N° 16 of the DRAW "C". All remaining players will be drawn randomly to the free positions.

The finalists of DRAW "C" will be the **Qualifier 3 and the Qualifier 4** to the YOG.

The losers of the semi-final matches of the DRAW "C" will play an additional match to determine the positions of the first and second substitute.

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# **ETTU**

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## **A.0. DEFINITION OF TERMS**

### **A.0.1. ETTU**

A.0.1.1 '**ETTU**' means 'the European Table Tennis Union', set up on 13<sup>th</sup> March 1957 in order to group, as the table tennis head body in Europe, the National Table Tennis Associations ('NTTA') from the countries and territories of Europe.

### **A.0.2. ITTF**

A.0.2.1 '**ITTF**' means 'the International Table Tennis Federation', set up in London in December 1926<sup>(\*)</sup> in order to group, as the world table tennis head body, the National Table Tennis Associations from countries and territories all over the world.

<sup>(\*)</sup> in 2000, ITTF has been incorporated as a non-profit-making organisation in Switzerland and in Canada

### **A.0.3. GENERIC TERMS**

A.0.3.1 Whenever used in the ETTU Constitution or in the ETTU Regulations or in other ETTU documents, the generic terms written with a CAPITAL heading letter and in *ITALIC* font, such as [*Constitution*], [*Member Association*], [*Objects*], [*Seat*], [*Congress*], [*Meeting*], [*Executive Board*], [*President*], [*Deputy-President*], [*Vice-President*], [*General Secretary*], [*Budget*], [*Accounts*], etc., are to be considered as relating directly to ETTU and shall consequently read as 'Constitution of ETTU', 'Member Association of ETTU', 'Object of ETTU', etc..

A.0.3.2 The word *Event* stands for a table tennis competition sanctioned by ETTU or being under its jurisdiction.

### **A.0.4. EQUAL STATUS OF WOMEN AND MEN**

A.0.4.1 Whenever used in the ETTU Constitution or in the ETTU Regulations or in other ETTU documents, the masculine form (used in terms like 'person', 'player', 'Chairperson', 'Officer', 'Official', 'delegate', 'candidate', etc.) shall be considered as to refer also to the feminine gender, unless explicitly stated otherwise.

### **A.0.5. NUMBER OF VOTES**

A.0.5.1 At a Meeting, the number of votes recorded is the number of *Member Associations* or persons 'eligible to vote' present or represented (= recorded) at the relating Meeting roll call.

A.0.5.2 At a voting process, the number of votes cast is the total number of ballot papers - out from those that eventually have officially been issued for that voting - collected at the voting process concerned, independently of the validity or voidness of these ballot papers.

A.0.5.3 For a voting process, the number of valid votes cast is the total number of valid ballot papers collected at the voting process concerned, i.e. the total number of ballot papers collected less the invalid ballot papers and less the blank ballot papers (= abstentions), which shall be considered as void votes.

### **A.0.6. THE LAW**

A.0.6.1 '**The LAW**' means the Luxembourg law of 21<sup>st</sup> April 1928, as amended afterwards, concerning the non-profit-making associations and the foundations.

### **A.0.7. THE GENERAL REGULATION ('REGULATION [B]')**

A.0.7.1 **The General Regulation** (also called 'Regulation [B]') is the *Regulation* specifying detailed and complementary provisions for the implementation and for the practical application of the *Constitution*.



## **A.1. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

### **A.1.1. LEGAL FORM**

A.1.1.1 ETTU is incorporated in Luxembourg as a non-profit-making Association, according to the provisions of the Luxembourg law of 21<sup>st</sup> April 1928 concerning the non-profit-making associations and the foundations.

### **A.1.2. SEAT AND HEADQUARTERS**

A.1.2.1 The *Seat* and the *Headquarters* (i.e. the *Office*) are settled in Wasserbillig (Grand Duchy of Luxembourg), in the 'Résidence Casablanca'.

### **A.1.3. AUTHORITY AND NEUTRALITY**

A.1.3.1 ETTU is the 'Continental Table Tennis Federation for Europe', being recognised as such by ITTF and thus having the sole and whole authority in Europe, in general, and in the territories of the *Member Associations*, in particular, for all matters related to table tennis on the European level.

A.1.3.2 Pursuant to the authority recognised to it for Europe by ITTF, ETTU has the sole and whole jurisdiction over organising a table tennis event using the denomination or title 'European', 'Europe', 'Euro' or similar, or authorising the organisation of such an event.

A.1.3.3 ETTU shall be and remain entirely neutral and act in a spirit of peace, understanding and fair-play, without any discrimination as to politics, gender, religion or race.

### **A.1.4. OBJECTS**

A.1.4.1 The *Objects* are:

- a) to deal with all matters relating to table tennis on the European level;
- b) to develop and promote table tennis in the territories controlled by the *Member Associations*;
- c) to safeguard the overall interests of the *Member Associations* and to promote unity among them;
- d) to maintain contact and co-operation with ITTF and with the other Continental Table Tennis Confederations;
- e) to guarantee the respect of the table tennis laws as well as the upholding of the principles, rules and policies of ITTF in the territories controlled by the *Member Associations*;
- f) to organise and conduct 'European' table tennis events (competitions, tournaments, etc.) and to authorise the organisation of such events;
- g) to apply the doping regulations as defined by the 'World Anti-Doping Agency' ('**WADA**');
- h) to disseminate information on the European table tennis;
- i) to affiliate to European sports organisations and/or bodies aiming at the same objectives as ETTU and to take part in the activities of these organisations and/or bodies.

### **A.1.5. DURATION**

A.1.5.1 The duration of ETTU is unlimited.

### **A.1.6. LANGUAGE**

A.1.6.1 The official language of ETTU is English.

**A.1.7. COLOURS, BADGE AND LOGO**

A.1.7.1 The ETTU colours are blue and gold.

A.1.7.2 The ETTU badge is a table tennis bat showing a map of Europe, with the letters ETTU on the handle.

A.1.7.3 The ETTU logo has three stylised table tennis rackets with the letters ETTU.

## A.2. MEMBERSHIP

### A.2.1. CONDITIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

A.2.1.1 *Membership* is open to any National Table Tennis Association ('NTTA') that:

- a) is officially recognised and responsible in its country or territory for the organisation and implementation of all matters related to table tennis;
- b) has already become a member of ITTF;
- c) has its home country or territory capital located within the geographical area of Europe.

A.2.1.2 In exceptional circumstances, *Membership* may be opened to an NTTA that fulfils the provisions a) and b) of § A.2.1.1 but that has its home country or territory capital located outside the geographical area of Europe, provided the Association concerned:

- a) is not, not yet or no more a member of another Continental Table Tennis Confederation;
- b) has its application for *Membership* supported by ITTF and by the Continental Table Tennis Confederation to which it should normally belong according to the geographic situation of its home country or territory capital.

### A.2.2. NUMBER OF MEMBERS

A.2.2.1 The number of *Member Associations* shall not be less than three.

A.2.2.2 An updated list with the *Member Associations* shall be published at least once a year.

### A.2.3. ADMISSION OF MEMBERS

A.2.3.1 To become a *Member Association*, an interested NTTA shall submit to ETTU a written application for *Membership*.

A.2.3.2 The admission of a NTTA to *Membership* may be decided exclusively by the *Congress*, at its discretion, as follows:

- with the majority of the votes recorded, in the conditions of § A.2.1.1;
- with the two-thirds majority of the votes recorded, in the conditions of § A.2.1.2.

### A.2.4. RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERS

A.2.4.1 A *Member Association* may benefit from all the rights granted to it by the *Constitution* and *Regulations* and by the decisions made under them. In particular, a *Member Association* has the right to enter its representative team(s) as well as the players and the club teams affiliated to it into the *Events*, according to the relating applicable *Regulations*.

A.2.4.2 A *Member Association* shall:

- a) comply with the *Constitution* and *Regulations* and with the decisions made under them;
- b) comply with the table tennis laws issued through ITTF;
- c) observe the principles of integrity, sportsmanship and fair-play and ensure that also its officials and the players and clubs affiliated to it shall observe these principles;
- d) provide for the free election of its executive and juridical bodies.

A.2.4.3 A *Member Association* shall include the obligations mentioned in § A.2.4.2 in its own statutes too, together with a provision that its officials as well as the players and clubs affiliated to it shall also comply with these obligations.

A.2.4.4 A *Member Association* shall be liable towards ETTU for all the financial commitments of the players and clubs affiliated to it or being otherwise under its authority.

A.2.4.5 A *Member Association* having withdrawn or having been excluded from *Membership* has no longer any rights on the *Assets* nor may it claim any refund of paid fees or subscriptions.

#### **A.2.5. WITHDRAWAL FROM MEMBERSHIP**

A.2.5.1 A *Member Association* may, upon its own initiative, withdraw from *Membership* at the end of a year, by giving ETTU a minimum of six months written notice.

A.2.5.2 If a *Member Association* is dissolved, its *Membership* shall automatically be considered as terminated from the date of its dissolution.

#### **A.2.6. SUSPENSION AND EXCLUSION OF MEMBERS**

A.2.6.1 A *Member Association* may be suspended or excluded from *Membership* if it has either:

- not respected or seriously breached the commitments and clauses of the *Constitution* or *Regulations* or of decisions made under them;
- acted against the *Objects* or the interests of ETTU;
- failed to settle its financial obligations towards ETTU;
- lost its status as a recognised and representative National Table Tennis Association.

A.2.6.2 In particular, a *Member Association*, who did not settle its financial obligations towards ETTU:

- may - after the prescribed date - be suspended in part or in all of its rights;
- may - three years after the prescribed date - automatically be considered as excluded from *Membership*.

A.2.6.3 The suspension of a *Member Association*, including eventually the restriction of its rights, may be decided by the *Executive Board*, with the majority of the votes recorded.

Any such suspension decided upon by the *Executive Board* shall be submitted for consideration to the *Congress* at its next following Meeting and it shall be continued after that Meeting only if it is confirmed and endorsed by the *Congress*, with the majority of the votes recorded.

A.2.6.4 The exclusion of a *Member Association* from *Membership* may be decided exclusively by the *Congress*, at a *Congress Meeting*, with the three-quarters majority of the votes recorded, provided the accused *Member Association* has been given the right to be heard at a *Congress Meeting*.

#### **A.2.7. HONORARY MEMBERS AND BADGE OF HONOUR**

A.2.7.1 Upon the relating recommendation of the *Executive Board*, the *Congress* may appoint as an *Honorary Member* any person on retirement, which has given long, outstanding and meritorious services to ETTU.

A.2.7.2 The *Executive Board* may award a Badge of Honour to any person that has given an outstanding contribution to the work of ETTU and/or to its *Objects*.

## **A.3. GOVERNING RULES**

### **A.3.1. APPLICABLE RULES**

A.3.1.1 The applicable *Governing Rules* are:

- the LAW
- the *Constitution*
- the *Regulations*
- *Directives, Guidelines and Internal Regulations*

### **A.3.2. SET-UP AND AMENDMENT**

A.3.2.1 The *Constitution* may be set-up or amended exclusively by the *Congress*, at a *Congress Meeting*, provided:

- a) the set-up or amendment of the *Constitution* has explicitly been included as an item of business in the official agenda of the *Congress Meeting* concerned;
- b) at least two thirds of the *Member Associations* are present or duly represented at the *Congress Meeting* concerned.

A.3.2.2 A set-up or amendment of the *Constitution* may be decided as follows:

- with the three-quarters majority of the votes recorded, if the amendment does concern the statutory provisions defining the *Objects*;
- with the two-thirds majority of the votes recorded, if the amendment does not concern the statutory provisions defining the *Objects*.

A.3.2.3 *Regulations* may be set-up and/or amended by the *Congress*, with the majority of the votes cast, in order to cover matters directly related to the *Objects* and not falling under the scope of the *Constitution*.

A.3.2.4 *Directives, Guidelines or Internal Regulations* may be set-up and/or amended by the *Executive Board*, with the majority of the votes cast, in order to settle detailed provisions for matters ruled in a more general way by the *Constitution* or by the *Regulations*.

### **A.3.3. COMING INTO FORCE**

A.3.3.1 Unless otherwise stated or specifically decided by the *Congress*, a duly accepted amendment to the *Constitution* or to a *Regulation* shall take effect 3 months after the *Congress Meeting* having decided upon the amendment concerned.

A.3.3.2 A duly accepted amendment to a *Directive, a Guideline or an Internal Regulation* shall take effect as from the date specifically set by the *Executive Board*. Except for very specific or urgent reasons, such an amendment should principally not take effect earlier than one (1) month after the date of its dispatching to the *Member Associations*.

## A.4. STRUCTURAL ENTITIES

### A.4.1. ACTING STRUCTURAL ENTITIES

A.4.1.1 The acting *Structural Entities* are:

- The *Congress*
- The *Executive Board*
- The *General Secretary*
- The *Committees* and the *Officials*
- The *Juridical Boards*: the *Board of Justice* and the *Board of Appeal*

### A.4.2. ELECTIONS AND VOTINGS

A.4.2.1 At a *Congress Meeting*, a valid proxy shall be considered and counted as a delegate eligible to vote.

A.4.2.2 An election, a recall or any other voting concerning directly a physical person shall be carried out by a secret ballot.

A.4.2.3 At an election, a ballot paper shall be considered as valid only if the number of votes cast on this ballot paper equals the number of vacancies.

A.4.2.4 A voting not concerning directly a physical person may principally be carried out by an open ballot, i.e. by show of hands or voting cards, except if at least one third of the delegates eligible to vote ask for either a ballot by roll call or a secret ballot.

A.4.2.5 At a *Congress Meeting*, any ballot shall be performed by scrutineers. No one shall act as a scrutineer at an election or a voting involving either himself, the Association he is a delegate of or a club, a player or an official affiliated to that Association.

A.4.2.6 At the *Executive Board* level, a ballot shall be performed as follows:

- open ballots: by the Chairperson;
- secret ballots: by the *General Secretary* or, in his absence, by all the *Officers* present together.

An *Officer* shall not take part neither in an election nor in a voting upon any matter involving either himself, the Association by which he has been nominated or a club, a player or an official affiliated to that Association, or when there is any other conflict of interests.

A.4.2.7 At the *Juridical Boards* level, any ballot shall be performed by the Chairperson.

A member of a *Juridical Board* shall not take part in a voting upon any matter involving either himself, the Association by which he has been nominated or a club, a player or an official affiliated to that Association, or when there is any other conflict of interests.

A.4.2.8 In the event of a tie in an election ballot, a second ballot shall be held, but only if necessary, between the candidates with the same number of votes in the first ballot. In the event of a tie in the second ballot, the relating election shall be determined by lot.

A.4.2.9 Except at the level of the *Executive Board* and the *Juridical Boards*, a tie voting result shall be considered as a rejection of the point of issue put to vote (nomination, recall, proposal, etc. ). At the *Executive Board* votings as well as at the *Juridical Boards'* votings, the Chairperson - in the event of a tie voting result - has a second vote (= casting vote).

### **A.4.3. CONGRESS**

#### **A.4.3.1. General Provisions and Decisions**

A.4.3.1.1 The *Congress* is the supreme legislative and controlling body of ETTU.

A.4.3.1.2 Principally, the *Congress* shall conduct its business and take decisions and resolutions in Meetings only. In very urgent cases, a *Congress* decision on any subject, other than the amendment of the *Constitution* and the dissolution of ETTU, may, upon the initiative of the *Executive Board*, be convened through a postal ballot.

A.4.3.1.3 Unless otherwise stated in the *Constitution*, the *Congress* shall take its decisions and resolutions with the majority of the valid votes cast.

A.4.3.1.4 Any *Congress* decision shall be binding for each *Member Association*.

A.4.3.1.5 Unless otherwise stated or specifically decided by the *Congress* itself, a *Congress* decision shall take effect immediately.

#### **A.4.3.2. Representation and Eligibility for Voting**

A.4.3.2.1 The *Congress* shall consist of the delegates of the *Member Associations*.

A.4.3.2.2 A *Member Association* has the right to be represented at a *Congress Meeting* by up to two delegates.

A.4.3.2.3 A *Member Association* eligible to vote may, at a *Congress Meeting*, be represented by a delegate of another *Member Association* eligible to vote.

Any such representation of a *Member Association* by a delegate of another *Member Association* and the relating transfer of the voting right shall be documented through a written proxy. No *Member Association* shall hold more than one proxy.

A.4.3.2.4 Unless otherwise stated in the *Constitution*, half the *Member Associations* shall constitute a quorum for the *Congress*.

A.4.3.2.5 Each *Member Association*, whose voting right has not been suspended according to the relating provisions of the *Constitution*, shall have one vote in the *Congress*.

A.4.3.2.6 As concerns the voting right at a *Congress Meeting*:

- the voting right of a *Member Association* shall be exercised by one of its delegates;
- no other persons than delegates of *Member Associations* shall have the voting right.

#### **A.4.3.3. Convening, Agenda and Organisation**

A.4.3.3.1 An ordinary *Congress Meeting* shall be held annually (= the *Annual Ordinary Congress Meeting*).

A.4.3.3.2 An extraordinary *Congress Meeting*:

- may be convened by the *Executive Board*, with the majority of the votes recorded;
- shall be convened at the written request of at least one third of the *Member Associations*; in this case, the convening request shall clearly specify the business for which the extraordinary *Congress Meeting* has to be convened as well as the items of business to be put on the agenda of that Meeting.

A.4.3.3.3 An extraordinary *Congress Meeting* convened by the *Member Associations* according to the provisions of § A.4.3.3.2 shall be held latest within four months after the entry of the last required convening request.

A.4.3.3.4 Any proposition for the agenda of the *Annual Ordinary Congress Meeting* may be submitted either by a *Member Association*, the *Executive Board*, a *Committee* or an *Official*.

A.4.3.3.5 In order to be included in the agenda of the *Annual Ordinary Congress Meeting*, a proposition shall be submitted in writing to the *Secretariat* latest 12 weeks before the officially announced date of the relating *Congress Meeting*.

A proposition submitted after the statutory deadline may be admitted as a late entry to the agenda of the next *Congress Meeting* only, if so decided by the *Congress* itself, with the two-thirds majority of the votes recorded.

A.4.3.3.6 Any *Congress Meeting* shall be held under the leadership of the *Executive Board* on duty.

A.4.3.3.7 The chairpersonship of a *Congress Meeting* shall be hold by the *President* or, in his absence, by the *Deputy President* or, in the absence of both, by the longest-serving *Vice-President*. If there is no *Executive Board* on duty at the time of a *Congress Meeting*, the chairmanship of that Meeting shall be hold by a delegate present, to be appointed on the spot by the *Congress* itself.

A.4.3.3.8 The *Member Associations* present or represented at a *Congress Meeting* shall appoint three delegates, coming from three different *Member Associations*, as the scrutineers of that Meeting.

A.4.3.3.9 At a *Congress Meeting*, Minutes shall be taken of all business settled at that Meeting. The Minutes and the Resolutions of a *Congress Meeting* shall be circulated to the *Member Associations* not later than three months after the Meeting concerned.

## **A.4.4. EXECUTIVE BOARD**

### **A.4.4.1. General Provisions**

A.4.4.1.1 As the executive body of ETTU, the *Executive Board*:

- a) is provided with an extended power to define ETTU policies and to take decisions on all current matters as well as on those matters concerning ETTU which, by the *Constitution*, are not explicitly subject to the responsibility of the *Congress*;
- b) shall manage ETTU, except where its responsibility is delegated by the *Constitution* and except where it may have delegated itself a part of its responsibility, e.g. to an *Officer* or to the *General Secretary*;
- c) shall legally represent ETTU in all juridical and extra-juridical matters.

A.4.4.1.2 The *Executive Board* shall consist of eight Officers as follows:

- the *President*;
- the *Deputy President*;
- the *Vice-President for Finances*;
- five *Vice-Presidents*.

A.4.4.1.3 The *Officers* shall all be from different *Member Associations*.

A.4.4.1.4 Neither the *President* nor the *Deputy President* shall hold any position in ITTF, except that the *President* shall represent ETTU ex officio as 'Continental President' in the ITTF Development and Continental Council and that both, the *President* and the *Deputy President*, shall represent ETTU in the ITTF Board of Directors.

A.4.4.1.5 The *President* is the supreme representative of ETTU in all matters. He may delegate his statutory or otherwise assigned power in a specific field to another *Officer*.

A.4.4.1.6 The *Deputy President* shall deputise for the *President* in his absence.



#### **A.4.4.2. Election of Officers**

A.4.4.2.1 A *Member Association* may nominate only one candidate for the elections of the *Officers*.

A.4.4.2.2 A candidate for the elections of the *Officers* shall be nominated only with the written consent of the candidate himself and of his nominating Association.

A.4.4.2.3 The *Officers* shall be elected by the *Congress*, for a term of four years. They are eligible for re-election without any limitation.

A.4.4.2.4 Except for the reason of filling vacancies, elections for *Officers* shall be held at the *Annual Ordinary Congress Meeting* in the years of Olympic Summer Games only.

A.4.4.2.5 If a vacancy occurs during the first three years of the running term of office, the next *Annual Ordinary Congress* shall elect a replacement *Officer* to fill that vacancy for the remaining years of the running term.

A.4.4.2.6 There shall be an individual election, requiring the majority of the votes cast, for the positions of *President*, *Deputy-President* and *Vice President for Finances*, and a group election by simple majority (i.e. by the largest number of votes) for the open positions of *Vice-President*.

#### **A.4.4.3. Meetings**

A.4.4.3.1 An *Executive Board Meeting* may be convened either by the *President* at his discretion, or by three *Officers* (other than the *President*) requesting so in writing (= extraordinary *Executive Board Meeting*).

#### **A.4.5. GENERAL SECRETARY AND PROFESSIONAL STAFF**

A.4.5.1 The *General Secretary* is the highest *Structural Entity* of the ETTU operational management. He shall be appointed by the *Executive Board*, on terms and conditions to be set by that Board.

A.4.5.2 If so required by the *Activities* or if so decided by the *Congress*, the *Executive Board* may, apart from the *General Secretary*, engage other full time and/or part time *employees*, on terms and conditions to be set by that Board.

#### **A.4.6. COMMITTEES, OFFICIALS AND EXPERT PANELS**

##### **A.4.6.1 General Provisions**

(nil)

##### **A.4.6.2 Appointments**

A.4.6.2.1 The *Executive Board* may appoint *Committees* and *Officials* as well as *Expert Panels*, according to the relating provisions of *Regulation [B]*.

From a juridical point of view, any such *Committees*, *Officials* and *Expert Panels* are to be considered as being an integral part of the *Executive Board* structure.

**A.4.7. JURIDICAL BOARDS****A.4.7.1. General Provisions**

A.4.7.1.1 The *Juridical Boards* are:

- the *Board of Justice* (= 1<sup>st</sup> level of jurisdiction)
- the *Board of Appeal* (= 2<sup>nd</sup> level of jurisdiction)

A.4.7.1.2 A *Juridical Board* shall consist of five members, all of them being from different *Member Associations*.

A.4.7.1.3 The Chairperson and three other members shall constitute a quorum for a *Juridical Board*.

A.4.7.1.4 Except where otherwise specified in the *Constitution*, the decisions of a *Juridical Board* shall be taken with the majority of the votes cast.

**A.4.7.2. Election of Members**

A.4.7.2.1 A *Member Association* may nominate only one candidate for the elections of the members of either one or the other *Juridical Board*.

A.4.7.2.2 A candidate for the elections of the members of the *Juridical Boards* shall be nominated only with the written consent of the candidate himself and of his nominating Association,

A.4.7.2.3 The members of the *Juridical Boards* shall be elected by the *Congress*, for a term of four years. They are eligible for re-election without any limitation.

A.4.7.2.4 Except for the reason of filling vacancies, elections for members of the *Juridical Boards* shall be held at the *Annual Ordinary Congress Meeting* in the years of the Olympic Summer Games only.

A.4.7.2.5 If a vacancy occurs during the first three years of the running term of office, the next *Annual Ordinary Congress* shall elect a replacement member to fill that vacancy for the remaining years of the running term.

A.4.7.2.6 There shall be a group election by simple majority (i.e. by the largest number of votes) for the election of members of a *Juridical Board*.

A.4.7.2.7 The elected members of a *Juridical Board* shall appoint one of themselves, having an appropriate juridical qualification, as the Chairperson of the respective *Juridical Board*.

A.4.7.2.8 A member of one *Juridical Board* shall not hold nor take a position neither in the other *Juridical Board* nor in any other *Structural Entity*.

## A.5. JURISDICTION

A.5.1 The jurisdiction of the *Juridical Boards* applies to all *Member Associations* as well as to their clubs and players participating in competitions governed by ETTU; the *Member Associations* shall incorporate a relating statement in their own articles of incorporation.

A.5.2 The detailed provisions and rules governing the jurisdiction and the proceedings of the *Juridical Boards* are specified in Regulation [B] and/or in Annexes to this regulation.

A.5.3 The seat of a *Juridical Board* is at the *Headquarters*.

A.5.4 The *Board of Justice* is provided with the power:

- in the case of a dispute between either ETTU and a *Member Association* or between ETTU and a club which is a member of a *Member Association*: to decide upon such a dispute;
- in the case of a violation of the *Constitution*, the *Regulations* or a *Congress* or *Executive Board* decision: to impose disciplinary measures on a *Member Association* or on a club, player or official which/who is a member of or under the authority of a *Member Association*.

A.5.5 The *Board of Appeal* is provided with the power to take the final decision on any appeal put forward against a decision taken by the *Board of Justice*.

A.5.6 A case may be brought to a *Juridical Board* either by a *Member Association* or, if the case is related to a club *Event*, by a club affiliated to a *Member Association*. Both afore mentioned parties are, in their respective field of responsibility, also entitled to act on behalf of one of their own members, such as e.g. an official or a player affiliated to it or being otherwise under its authority.

A.5.7 Except if otherwise specified in the *Constitution* or in a *Regulation*, any case shall be brought to the *Board of Justice* first and may be brought to the *Board of Appeal* only after the *Board of Justice* has taken a decision or resolution.

A.5.8 If a case of dispute arises either between ETTU and a *Member Association* or between ETTU and a club which is a member of a *Member Association*, none of the parties involved shall take recourse to legal action in the ordinary courts of law, but submit the case first to the *Juridical Boards* according to the provisions of § A.5.6.

If the final decision of the *Juridical Boards* in a case of dispute does not satisfy any party involved in the case concerned, this party may forward the case concerned to the 'IOC Court of Arbitration for Sports' ('**CAS**') in Lausanne (Switzerland).

A.5.9 A *Member Association* shall decide itself upon disputes among its own clubs and members, and discuss with any other *Member Association* concerned disputes between one of its own clubs and a 'foreign' club. If the *Member Associations* involved in such a dispute would not reach an agreement, then they may submit the case to the *Board of Justice*, according to the provisions of § A.5.6, on the basis of the rules of legal procedure.

A.5.10 If a civil law dispute arises between ETTU and a third party, this case shall, unless otherwise stated or specified, be brought to the competent Court of Justice in the country of the *Seat*.

## A.6. FINANCES

### A.6.1. FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS

A.6.1.1 The *Financial Accounts* shall:

- a) be drawn up for a one year period, the accounting period starting with the 1<sup>st</sup> January of a year and ending with the 31<sup>st</sup> December of the same year;
- b) be drawn up according to the provisions of the country of the *Seat*;
- c) comply with the requirements of appropriate and generally accepted European accounting standards;
- d) be held in euro.

A.6.1.2 The *Financial Statements* (i.e. the 'Balance Sheet' and the 'Income and Expenditure Accounts') as well as the *Budget* of income and expenditure shall be approved by the *Congress* and may be approved by the *Congress* exclusively.

A.6.1.3 The *Financial Statements* shall be subject to an audit by a professional auditor, completely independent from ETTU and legally recognised in the country of the *Seat*.

A.6.1.4 The auditor shall be appointed by the *Congress*, for a term of four years; he is eligible for re-appointment without any limitation.

A.6.1.5 The *Financial Statements* shall be subject at least once per year to an internal audit by two financial experts. These experts shall be appointed by the *Congress*, for a term of four years; they are not eligible for re-appointment.

### A.6.2. MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION

A.6.2.1 The annual *Membership* subscription fee shall be fixed by the *Congress*; it shall not exceed one thousand (1.000,-) euro per *Member Association* per year.

A.6.2.2 The annual *Membership* subscription is due on the 1<sup>st</sup> January of each year.

## A.7. MEDIA TRANSMISSIONS

A.7.1 ETTU exclusively holds all the rights to authorise audio-visual and sound broadcasting transmissions by whatever means as well as any other use and dissemination by picture or sound, either live or recorded, in whole or as excerpts, of any *Event*.

## A.8. CONTRACTS

A.8.1 As concerns the signing of contracts, ETTU is legally engaged as follows:

- a) for matters with any financial implications: by the common signature of the *President* (or in his absence, the *Deputy President*) and the *Vice-President for Finances* (or in his absence, the *General Secretary*);
- b) for matters with no financial implications: by the common signature of the *President* (or in his absence, the *Deputy President*) and any other *Officer* (or the *General Secretary*).

A.8.2 For any contracts ETTU has entered, the applicable law shall be the law of the country of the *Seat*, unless it has been settled otherwise in a particular contract.

## A.9. DISSOLUTION

A.9.1 The dissolution of ETTU can exclusively be decided by the *Congress*, at a *Congress Meeting*, with the four-fifths majority of the votes recorded, provided that:

- a) the topic 'Dissolution of ETTU' is clearly mentioned as an item of business in the official agenda of the *Congress Meeting* concerned;
- b) at least two thirds of the *Member Associations* are present or duly represented at the *Congress Meeting* concerned.

A.9.2 If two thirds of the *Member Associations* are not present nor duly represented at the *Congress Meeting* mentioned in § A.9.1, another *Congress Meeting* may be convened; this second *Congress Meeting* may take a decision upon the dissolution of ETTU independently of the number of *Member Associations* present and duly represented. However, if less than two thirds of the *Member Associations* are present and duly represented in the afore mentioned second *Congress Meeting*, the decision taken concerning the dissolution of ETTU shall be submitted for homologation to the Civil Court of Justice in Luxembourg.

A.9.3 In the case ETTU is being dissolved, all remaining *Assets* and *Properties* shall become the property of ITTF in order to be used by ITTF for the development and the promotion of table tennis in Europe.

## A.10. VARIOUS

### A.10.1. ITTF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

(nil)

### A.10.2. LIABILITY

A.10.2.1 No person acting on behalf of ETTU, either on honorary or on employment basis, does assume any personal liability or responsibility for the general engagements and commitments of ETTU.

### A.10.3. INTERNATIONAL ELIGIBILITY

(nil)

### A.10.4. VISAS

(nil)

### A.10.5. PLAYING CLOTHES

(nil)

### A.10.6. ANTI DOPING RULES

ETTU adopts the World Anti-Doping Code, as issued and published by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), as the basic reference for its continuing efforts:

- To protect the table tennis players' fundamental right to participate in doping-free sport and thus promote health, fairness and equality for table tennis players Europe wide;
- To ensure harmonised, coordinated and effective anti-doping programs at the European level with regard to detection, deterrence and prevention of doping.

## **A.11. CONCLUDING PROVISIONS**

A.11.1 The *Constitution* shall be governed in all respects by the LAW.

A.11.2 Detailed and complementary provisions for the implementation and for the practical application of the *Constitution* shall be specified in the *General Regulation*, called '*Regulation [B]*'.

A.11.3 The *Executive Board* has the power to decide upon all matters not covered neither by the *Constitution* nor by the *Regulations*; such decisions shall eventually be made in accordance with relevant ITTF regulations, if they exist, and according to usual right and justice, in all other cases.

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# ETTU

## GENERAL REGULATION

### (REGULATION [B])

This **Regulation** specifies detailed and complementary provisions for the implementation and for the practical application of the ETTU Constitution.

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## **B.0. DEFINITION OF TERMS**

### **B.0.1. Definitions of the CONSTITUTION**

B.0.1.1 The definitions given in Chapter **A.0.** of the *Constitution* are fully applicable for *Regulation [B]*.

### **B.0.2. INFO**

B.0.2.1 The '*INFO*' means the official **ETTU newsletter**, published periodically by the *General Secretary*.

### **B.0.3. HANDBOOK**

B.0.3.1 The '*HANDBOOK*' means the official **ETTU manual**, in principal published annually by the *General Secretary* and including, in particular, the *Constitution*, the *Regulations* and a list with the *Member Associations*.

### **B.0.4. Office**

B.0.4.1 The '*Office*' means the official address of the *Headquarters*, to be published in each edition of the *INFO* and of the *HANDBOOK*

### **B.0.5. Observer**

B.0.5.1 At a *Meeting*, an **observer** is a person entitled or authorised to attend that meeting in an advisory capacity, with the right to speak but not to vote.

## B.1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

### B.1.1. LEGAL FORM

(1) Pursuant to the relating unanimous decision of the *Congress* at its Meeting on **27<sup>th</sup> April 1997** in Manchester (England), ETTU has been incorporated in **Luxembourg** as a **non-profit-making association** ('*association sans but lucrative*', abbreviated as '*a.s.b.l.*').

(2) The Luxembourg law of 21<sup>st</sup> April 1928 (the '*LAW*') is applicable in its version as amended by the particular laws of the 22<sup>nd</sup> February 1984 and 04<sup>th</sup> March 1994.

(3) Following the deposit and the registration of the *Constitution*, the address of the *Seat* and the list of the *Member Associations* with the head of the Luxembourg '*Registre de Commerce et des Sociétés*', ETTU has been granted **civil and juridical personality** as from the 19 February 1993<sup>(\*)</sup>.

(\*) date on which the *Constitution* has been published in the Luxembourg '*MEMORIAL - Recueil Spécial des Sociétés et Associations*'

(4) In order to uphold the civil and juridical personality of ETTU, the *General Secretary* shall:

- a) notify the head of the Luxembourg '*Registre de Commerce et des Sociétés*' of all changes to the *Constitution*, to the *Seat*, to the list of the *Member Associations* as well as to the members of the *Executive Board* or to their addresses, latest within three months after the *Congress Meeting* where the relating changes have been decided or ratified;
- b) ensure the publication in the Luxembourg '*MEMORIAL - Recueil Spécial des Sociétés et Associations*' of all amendments to the *Constitution*, latest within three months after the *Congress Meeting* where such amendments have been adopted.

### B.1.2. SEAT AND HEADQUARTERS

(*nil*)

### B.1.3. AUTHORITY AND NEUTRALITY

(1) The power to authorise the organisation of a '**European**' **table tennis event** shall be with the *Executive Board*.

### B.1.4. OBJECTS

(1) The **development and promotion activities** of ETTU shall, in particular, include courses, conferences and/or camps upon the following items, in relation with the table tennis sport:

- playing
- coaching
- refereeing and umpiring
- sport administration
- organisation of *Events*

(2) The '**European**' table tennis Events <sup>(\*)</sup> organised shall, in particular, be the following:

- the European Senior Championships
- the European Youth Championships
- (the European Junior Championships)
- (the European Cadet Championships)
- the European Veteran Championships
- the Europe Senior Top-12 Tournament
- the Europe Youth Top-10 Tournament
- the European Nations Cup
- the European Olympic Qualification Tournaments
- the European Champions League
- the ETTU (Nancy Evans) Cup
- the European Para Table Tennis Championships

(\*) the provisions ruling each one of these *Events* shall be laid down in a relating *Specific Regulation*

(3) In order to reach and fulfil the *Objects*, ETTU shall among others:

- encourage and support table tennis development and promotion activities in the territories controlled by the *Member Associations*;
- identify and evaluate the needs of the *Member Associations* and give them whatever possible support;
- communicate with the *Member Associations* and enable a continuous information exchange between the *Member Associations* and between the *Member Associations* and other parties interested or involved in the *Objects* and *Activities*, particularly through the publication in the *INFO* of the *Meeting* minutes, of the results of the 'European' table tennis Events and of other news relevant to the *Objects* and *Activities*;
- co-ordinate, in strong collaboration with ITTF, the dates for all the *Events*, and harmonise the conditions of these *Events*;
- consider and propose recommendations which might become the basis for international table tennis laws or regulations.

#### **B.1.5. DURATION**

(*nil*)

#### **B.1.6. LANGUAGE**

(1) At *Meetings*, any authorised speaker may address the meeting in any other language than English, subject to his providing interpretation into English at his own costs.

(2) A *Member Association* may, for national purposes, translate or have translated any *Document* in its national language (at its own costs). Upon a relating request of ETTU, a *Member Association* shall provide ETTU - free of charge - with the national translation, if available, of any *Document*.

#### **B.1.7. COLOURS, BADGE AND LOGO**

(*nil*)

## B.2. MEMBERSHIP

### B.2.1. CONDITIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

- (1) The **continental areas**, as fixed by ITTF, shall determinate the conditions applicable for the application for *Membership* submitted to ETTU by a National Table Tennis Association ('**NTTA**').
- (2) An application for *Membership* submitted by a NTTA from outside the geographical area of Europe shall include written evidence as to the support of ITTF and of the concerned Continental Table Tennis Confederation to that application.

### B.2.2. NUMBER OF MEMBERS

- (1) If the number of *Member Associations* becomes **less than three (3)**, ETTU shall, according to the LAW, be considered as having ex officio been dissolved as a non-profit-making association governed by the LAW.
- (2) The *General Secretary* shall publish the **list of the *Member Associations*** at least once annually, either in the *INFO* or in the *HANDBOOK*.

### B.2.3. ADMISSION OF MEMBERS

- (1) An **application for *Membership*** shall be sent, preferably by registered mail, to the *Office*.
- (2) An application for *Membership* shall at least include the following elements concerning the NTTA applying for *Membership*:
- a) the Statutes and Regulations of that NTTA;
  - b) a declaration whereby that NTTA states to respect and observe at all times the *Constitution*, the *Regulations* and the decisions made under them by the *Authorities*;
  - c) documents giving information about the internal organisation of that NTTA as well as about the events staged by it;
  - d) the names of the members of the executive body of that NTTA.

### B.2.4. RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERS

- (1) Unless otherwise decided by the *Congress*, the ***Events*** shall be open only to representative teams of *Member Associations* respectively to players and clubs affiliated to *Member Associations*.
- (2) Every Association shall be responsible for its clubs and players, for example with regard to entry fees, penalties, eligibility etc, in compliance with the ETTU constitution and regulations.
- (3) The withdrawal or exclusion of a *Member Association* from *Membership* does in no way prejudice any right of ETTU towards that *Member Association*, which keeps full liability for the settlement of all outstanding financial obligations due to ETTU prior to the termination of its *Membership*.

### B.2.5. WITHDRAWAL FROM MEMBERSHIP

- (1) The **notification** from a *Member Association* concerning its withdrawal from *Membership* or its dissolution shall be sent by registered mail to the *Office*.

### B.2.6. SUSPENSION AND EXCLUSION OF MEMBERS

(1) The **suspension** of a *Member Association* may, in particular, include the **restriction of its rights**, in whole or in parts, as follows:

- the right to vote, in general and/or at *Congress Meetings*;
- the right to nominate candidates for elections and/or for appointments;
- the right to enter its representative team(s) as well as club teams or players affiliated to it in one, more or all of the *Events*.

(2) Unless otherwise decided upon by the *Executive Board*, the **suspension** of a *Member Association* shall take effect **twenty (20) days** after the date where that *Member Association* has been notified by the *General Secretary*, through registered mail, of the relating decision of the *Executive Board*.

In the event the suspension of a *Member Association* decided by the *Executive Board* is not confirmed and endorsed by the *Congress* at its next following Meeting, that suspension shall cease with immediate effect as from the date of the *Congress Meeting* concerned.

(3) Prior to any decision upon the **exclusion** of a *Member Association* from *Membership*, the *Member Association* subject to the exclusion procedure shall be **convened** to a *Congress Meeting* in order to plead its cause and to ensure its defence. The relating convening letter shall be sent to the *Member Association* by the *General Secretary*, through registered mail, not later than three months before the opening date of the respective *Congress Meeting*. It shall include the precise reasons for the intended exclusion.

(4) If a *Member Association* subject to an exclusion procedure will not use its right to plead its cause at a *Congress Meeting*, the *Congress* may decide upon the exclusion of that *Member Association* even in its absence.

(5) The **exclusion** of a *Member Association* from *Membership* shall take effect **immediately** after the relating decision has been taken by the *Congress Meeting*.

### B.2.7. HONORARY MEMBERS

(1) A *Honorary Member* is entitled to get free hospitality at the European Senior Championships and to attend the *Congress Meetings* as an observer.

## **B.3. GOVERNING RULES**

### **B.3.1. APPLICABLE GOVERNING RULES**

*(nil)*

### **B.3.2. SET-UP AND AMENDMENT**

<sup>(1)</sup> **Regulations** shall especially be set up in order to:

- provide detailed specifications for the implementation and the practical application of the *Constitution*;
- settle the 'Terms of Reference' of the *Structural Entities* as well as other provisions concerning their composition, the appointment of their members and their proceedings;
- provide overall technical specifications for the organisation of the *Events*.

<sup>(2)</sup> **Directives, Guidelines** or **Internal Regulations** shall be set up in order to provide detailed provisions especially for:

- the practical daily work inside ETTU, such as e.g. the activities of the *Officers*, the *General Secretary*, the *Committee Chairpersons*, the *Officials* and the other staff working for ETTU either on employment or on honorary basis;
- the practical aspects concerning the organisation of the *Events*.

### **B.3.3. COMING INTO FORCE**

*(nil)*

## B.4. STRUCURAL ENTITIES

### B.4.1. ACTING STRUCTURAL ENTITIES

(nil)

### B.4.2. ELECTIONS AND VOTINGS

(1) The **nomination** of a candidate for a position in a *Structural Entity* **subject to an election** shall be entered using exclusively the relating nomination form circulated by the *General Secretary*.

(2) In order to be receivable, such a **nomination form** shall:

a) be duly signed by the candidate and by his nominating Association;

b) be sent by registered mail to the *Office*, before the relating deadline <sup>(\*)</sup> <sup>(\*\*)</sup>.

<sup>(\*)</sup> to be set and published by the *General Secretary*, at least six (6) weeks in advance to the deadline

<sup>(\*\*)</sup> to be set not later than six (6) weeks before the date of the relating election

(3) Where a *Member Association* nominates more than one candidate for a specific position where only one nominated candidate per *Member Association* is allowed, all nominations of that *Member Association* for the position concerned shall be declared null and void by the *General Secretary*.

(4) A list including all the eligible candidates for an election shall be circulated by the *General Secretary* to the *Member Associations* at least four (4) weeks before the date of the relating election.

(5) A **ballot by roll call** shall be held in alphabetical order, the *Association* to start with the voting process being drawn by lot by the scrutineers.

(6) Where **scrutineers** are appointed (as e.g. at a *Congress Meeting*), they are responsible for the correct organisation of a ballot, including in particular:

- the distribution of the ballot papers;
- the draw by lot of the *Member Association* to be started with for a ballot by roll call;
- the count of the votes cast;
- the validation or the rejection of votes cast;
- the proclamation of the ballot result;
- the draw by lot in the event of a tie voting result in the second ballot, etc..

For the administrative part of their task, the scrutineers shall be assisted by the *General Secretary*.

(7) Before starting to count the votes of a secret ballot, the scrutineers shall announce to the Meeting attendants the number of ballot papers distributed.

If more ballot papers are handed in than had been distributed, the relating ballot shall be declared null and void and shall be repeated forthwith.

(8) After the announcement of the result of a **secret ballot**, the ballot papers cast for the voting concerned shall be placed by the scrutineers in envelopes specifically prepared for that purpose. Once the ballot papers placed in the envelopes, these shall be closed on the spot and be signed by the scrutineers.

The *General Secretary* shall keep the closed envelopes in the *Office* and destroy them not earlier than one hundred (100) days after the closing date of the Meeting concerned.

(9) A **postal ballot**, if convened by the *Executive Board*, shall be conducted by the *General Secretary*, who shall also settle and publish, duly in advance, the conditions applicable to the postal ballot concerned (ballot paper, deadline for voting, return of the ballot paper, etc.)

### B.4.3. CONGRESS

#### B.4.3.1. General Provisions and Decisions

(1) Only a duly convened *Congress* or *Congress Meeting* shall have the required power to take **binding decisions**.

#### B.4.3.2. Representation and Eligibility for Voting

(1) In any case of doubt, a delegate of a *Member Association* at a *Congress Meeting* may be asked to provide the Meeting scrutineers with documented evidence of his entitlement to represent that *Member Association*.

(2) The *Officers* and the *General Secretary* shall, other persons under employment contract with ETTU may attend the *Congress Meetings*. None of these persons shall, at a *Congress Meeting*, neither act as delegate of a *Member Association* nor be eligible to vote.

(3) To be receivable, a **proxy** shall:

- a) be established exclusively on the relating form issued and circulated by the *General Secretary*;
- b) be duly signed by the President of the *Member Association* having issued the proxy or his deputy;
- c) be handed over to the *General Secretary* latest before the opening of the relating *Congress Meeting*.

(4) The *Honorary Members* have the right to assist to the *Congress Meetings* as **observers**.

(5) The *Congress* may entitle any persons to attend a *Congress Meeting* as **observers**.

#### B.4.3.3. Convening, Agenda and Organisation

(1) **Convening requests** for an extraordinary *Congress Meeting* as well as **propositions** for the agenda of any *Congress Meeting* (either ordinary or extraordinary) shall be sent, by registered mail, to the *Office*.

A **proposition** for the agenda of a *Congress* shall be sent to the *Office* not later than twelve (12) weeks before the date of this *Congress* that has officially be announced (e.g. in the *INFO* or in the *Calendar*). Moreover, the proposition shall be clearly formulated and should be completed with a brief description of its reason and motivation.

(2) The **date**, the **venue** and the **agenda** of a *Congress Meeting* shall be set by the *Executive Board*.

(2a) A *Congress Meeting* shall be held, as far as possible, at the time and at the **venue** of an important table tennis event, such as e.g. European Championships, World Championships, European Youth Championships, etc.

(2b) The **agenda** of an extraordinary *Congress Meeting* shall, except the minutes of the preceding *Congress Meeting*, not include any other business than those specified in the convening request.

(2c) The **agenda** of the *Annual Ordinary Congress Meeting* shall include at least the following items of business:

- a) Roll call
- b) Approval of the agenda
- c) Appointment of scrutineers (3)
- d) Adoption of late entered propositions
- e) Approval of the Minutes of the preceding *Congress Meeting* <sup>(\*)</sup>  
(\*) if so required by the provisions of § (5)
- f) Consideration of the reports from the *Officers*, the *Committee Chairpersons* and the *Officials*
- g) Consideration of the *Financial Statements*
- h) Consideration of the reports from the *Financial Experts* and from the *Auditor*
- i) Release (Discharge) to the *Executive Board*



- j) Elections for the *Executive Board*<sup>(\*\*)</sup>
- k) Appointment of *Financial Experts* and of an auditor<sup>(\*\*)</sup>
- l) Elections for the *Board of Justice* and for the *Board of Appeal*<sup>(\*\*)</sup>
- m) Elections for the European delegates in the ITTF Board of Directors<sup>(\*\*)</sup>
- n) Consideration of propositions
- o) Settling of the annual *Membership* subscription
- p) *Budget* of income and expenditure
- q) Miscellaneous

<sup>(\*\*)</sup> except for the filling of eventual vacancies, these elections are held in the years of Olympic Summer Games only

Moreover, the **agenda** of the *Annual Ordinary Congress Meeting* **may include**, as far as given or required and up to the discretion of the *Executive Board*, one or more other items of business, as particularly:

- Consideration of applications for *Membership*
- Consideration of proposals concerning the exclusion of *Member Associations*
- Amendments of the *Constitution*
- Decision upon the continuation or lifting of the suspension of *Member Associations*
- Consideration of proposals concerning the dismissal of members of the *Structural Entities*
- Appointment of Honorary Members

<sup>(3)</sup> **Notice** of the final date, time and venue as well as of the agenda of a *Congress Meeting* shall be given to all *Member Associations* by the *General Secretary*, in writing, not later than one (1) month before the opening date of the Meeting concerned.

As far as relevant for the agenda of the *Congress Meeting*, the convening notice shall at least include the following **documents**:

- the reports of the *Officers*, *Committee Chairpersons* and *Officials*<sup>(\*)</sup>;
- the *Financial Statements*<sup>(\*)</sup>;
- the auditor's report<sup>(\*)</sup>;
- the propositions duly submitted before the statutory deadline;
- the model form for the proxy;
- the form for the nominations for the elections, if given;
- any other relevant documents<sup>(\*)</sup>.

<sup>(\*)</sup> some or all of these reports and/or documents may be circulated separately from the convening notice, but in no case later than three (3) days before the opening date of the Meeting

<sup>(4)</sup> The chairperson of a *Congress Meeting* is holding the **domestic authority**. He shall open, conduct and close the Meeting, keep order during the Meeting and ensure that the relevant rules of procedure are respected.

The chairperson may, in particular for security reasons, take all required measures to ensure a smooth and correct progress of the Meeting, as e.g. breaking the Meeting, exclude a person, limit the number of speakers, set a time limit for speakers, etc..

<sup>(5)</sup> The **Minutes** of a *Congress Meeting* shall be drafted by the *General Secretary* and be circulated by him to the *Member Associations* (e.g. through a publication on the ETTU Web-Site) before the relating statutory deadline.

The Minutes of a *Congress Meeting* shall be considered as approved if, within thirty (30) days of their official dispatching, no *Member Association* has raised fundamental objections, through registered mail, to the *General Secretary*. In the event that such fundamental objections are raised, the Minutes shall be set on the agenda of the next following *Congress Meeting* for re-consideration and definitive approval.

## B.4.4. EXECUTIVE BOARD

### B.4.4.1. General Provisions

(1) The *Executive Board* shall normally conduct its business in **Meetings**.

If required or otherwise indicated, the *Executive Board* may conduct its business also either by correspondence or through telephone conferences or using other communication means.

(2) Four eligible *Officers* shall constitute a **quorum** for the *Executive Board*.

(3) Between the *Executive Board* Meetings, the current correspondence and the other current matters shall be managed by the *General Secretary*, in regular consultation with the *President*.

(4) In accordance with a set of organisational *Internal Regulations*, the *Executive Board* may **delegate**, either fully or partly, one or more of its own duties to the *General Secretary* or to a staff member under the authority of the *General Secretary*, to one or more *Officers* individually or to a panel composed of *Officers*.

The afore mentioned organisational *Internal Regulations* shall clearly outline the delegated duties and govern the management and the reporting structure.

(5) The *Executive Board* is entitled to introduce detailed technical, commercial, marketing and media directives for ETTU Events, which must be in accordance with the ETTU Constitution and Regulations. Such directives may be changed or amended by the *Executive Board*, whenever necessary, however latest 3 months before an event takes place. Such directives must be published before they are legally binding.

(6) An *Officer*, whose voting right has not been suspended according to the relating provisions of the *Constitution*, shall have **one vote** in the *Executive Board*.

In the *Executive Board*, the representation of an *Officer* by another *Officer* respectively the transfer of the voting right between *Officers* by means of a **proxy** is not allowed.

(7) Except where otherwise specified in the *Constitution*, the decisions of the *Executive Board* shall be taken with the **majority of the votes cast**.

(8) Unless otherwise stated or specifically decided by the *Executive Board*, a decision of the *Executive Board* shall take effect the day of its official dispatching to the *Member Associations* (e.g. through a relating mail or through publication in the *INFO*).

(9) An **Officer** shall carry out his duties in a **neutral and independent** way, for the best of table tennis in Europe, without regard to the particular interests of his nominating Association.

(10) Where the *Executive Board* considers a member of a *Structural Entity* to have committed a gross or serious dereliction of duty or an act of improper conduct, it may, with the two-thirds majority of the valid votes cast:

- **suspend** an *Officer* or an elected member of a *Structural Entity* until the next *Congress Meeting*, where the *Congress* shall take a definitive decision upon the (non-)continuation of the suspension;
- **remove from office** an appointed member of a *Structural Entity* and appoint a replacement member for the remaining period of the running term.

### B.4.4.2. Election of Officers

(nil)

### B.4.4.3. Meetings

(1) As a general rule, the *Executive Board* shall meet **four times** per year for an ordinary Meeting.

(2) A **convening request** for an extraordinary *Executive Board* Meeting shall be sent, by registered mail, to the *Office*.

The convening request for an extraordinary *Executive Board* meeting shall clearly specify the business for which that Meeting has to be convened as well as the items of business to be put on its agenda.

An extraordinary *Executive Board Meeting* convened by *Officers* according to the relating provisions of the *Constitution* shall be held within six (6) weeks after the entry at the *Office* of the last required convening request.

(3) A **proposition** for the **agenda** of an ordinary *Executive Board Meeting* may be submitted either by a *Member Association*, the *General Secretary*, an *Officer*, a *Committee* or its Chairperson or an *Official*; any such proposition shall be sent to the *Office* in due time.

(4) The *President* shall - in strong consultation with the *General Secretary* and the other *Officers* - set the **date**, the **venue** and the **agenda** of any *Executive Board Meeting*.

An *Executive Board Meeting* should be held, as far as possible, at the time and at the **venue** of an important table tennis event, such as e.g. European Championships, World Championships, European Youth Championships, Europe Top-12 Tournament, etc.

To set the **agenda** of an *Executive Board Meeting*, the *President* shall give due consideration to any item submitted in writing according to the provisions of either §(2) or §(3). Furthermore, the agenda of each *Executive Board Meeting* shall include the item '**Miscellaneous**', where the *Officers* may put forward any subject of minor importance, not requiring the prior study of relevant documents.

(5) The *President* may invite those *Committee Chairpersons* and/or those *Officials* and/or those ETTU staff members who are able, through their specific knowledge and experience, to give useful advice on one or more items of the agenda of an *Executive Committee Meeting* as **observers**, to whole or part of that Meeting.

The *Executive Board* may entitle other persons to attend an *Executive Board Meeting* as **observers**.

(6) **Notice** of the date, the venue and the agenda of an *Executive Board Meeting* shall be given by the *General Secretary* in writing to the *Officers* (and to the persons to be invited to that Meeting as observers), not later than one (1) month before the date the Meeting is due to take place.

All **documents** relevant to the agenda of an *Executive Board Meeting* shall either be annexed to the convening notice or be sent by separate mail, but, as far as possible, not later than ten (10) days before the date that Meeting is due to take place.

(7) The **chairpersonship** of an *Executive Board Meeting* shall be held by the *President* or, in his absence, by the *Deputy President* or, in the absence of both, by the longest-serving *Vice-President*.

The chairperson of an *Executive Board Meeting* shall hold the **domestic authority**.

(8) At an *Executive Board Meeting*, **Minutes** of all business settled at that Meeting shall be drafted by the *General Secretary* and shall be circulated by him to the *Officers* for consideration, not later than one (1) month after the date the Meeting has taken place.

The **Minutes** of an *Executive Board Meeting* shall be considered as **approved** if, within thirty (30) days of their official dispatching to the *Officers*, none of them has raised fundamental objections in writing to the *General Secretary*. In the event that such fundamental objections are raised, the Minutes shall be set on the agenda of the next following *Executive Committee Meeting* for re-consideration and definitive approval.

After their definitive approval by the *Executive Board*, the Minutes of an *Executive Board Meeting* shall be circulated by the *General Secretary* to the *Member Associations* (e.g. through a publication on the ETTU Web-Site).

**B.4.5. GENERAL SECRETARY AND PROFESSIONAL STAFF**

- (1) The *General Secretary* shall report and be answerable to the *President*.
- (2) As far as not specified in the *Constitution* and in the *Regulations*, the **duties and tasks** of the *General Secretary* shall be defined in detail in his employment contract and/or in a relating *Internal Regulation*.
- (3) Among other duties, the *General Secretary* shall in particular:
- manage the *Office* and execute the operational business of ETTU, included that one of the *Juridical Boards*;
  - manage the administrative staff in the *Office*;
  - lead the persons under employment contract with ETTU and co-ordinate their work;
  - ensure the regular publication of the *INFO* and the *HANDBOOK*;
  - initiate and manage - in strong consultation with the *Vice-President for Finances* - expenditures within the framework of the *Budget*;
  - prepare - in strong consultation with the *President* - the *Congress* and *Executive Board* Meetings;
  - attend all *Congress* and *Executive Board* Meetings and take in the deliberations of these entities a significant advisory part (with the right to speak to each agenda item but not to vote);
  - act at the *Congress* and *Executive Board* Meetings as the secretary, draft the Minutes of these Meetings and circulate them according to the relating statutory and regulatory provisions;
  - initiate and coordinate the implementation of the decisions taken by the *Congress* and by the *Executive Board*;
  - compile a written report for presentation to the *Annual Ordinary Congress Meeting*;
  - report regularly about his activities to the *Executive Board*, etc..

**B.4.6. COMMITTEES, OFFICIALS AND EXPERT PANELS**

**B.4.6.1. General Provisions**

- (1) *Committees* and *Officials* shall and *Expert Panels* may be appointed with, as a general rule, the following **duties and tasks**:
- to deal - in strong co-operation with the *General Secretary* - with one or more particular aspects of the *Activities*;
  - to advise and assist the *Executive Board* and the *General Secretary* on all practical and organisational issues related to those particular aspects of the *Activities* they are responsible for;
  - to elaborate propositions in order to improve the technical or organisational quality of the *Events*.
- (2) The following *Committees* and *Officials* shall be appointed:
- a *Technical Committee*, in charge of the short-term Senior *Events*;
  - a *Youth Committee*, in charge of the Youth *Events*;
  - a *Veterans Committee*, in charge of the Veteran *Events*;
  - a *Ranking Committee*, in charge of all European Ranking Lists;
  - a *Referees and Umpires Committee*, in charge of matters concerning the appointment of referees and umpires in *Events* and the improvement of the European referees and umpires;
  - a *Teaching and Training Committee*, in charge of measures to improve the teaching, training and coaching in Europe;
  - a *Club Cup Competitions Official*, in charge - in strong co-operation with the *General Secretary* - of the supervision and the management of the *Club Cup Competitions*;
  - a *Medical Official*, in charge of all medical aspects, and particularly of the anti-doping policy;
  - a *Media Official*, in charge of the media aspects and the contacts to the press;
  - a Para Table Tennis Committee, in charge of the PTT events in cooperation with other relevant committees, in charge of promoting integration of PTT within Member Associations, and ensuring full integration into ETTU committees;
  - an Athletes Commission, in charge of representing the athletes and of defending those interests, in particular by working out proposals to improve conditions for the athletes at the major events.

As a general rule, *Expert Panels* shall deal, principally during a limited period of time, with specific aspects of the *Activities*, which are not under the responsibility of neither a *Committee* nor an *Official*.

More detailed '**Terms of Reference**' may be laid down for the *Committees* and the *Officials* and shall be laid down for the *Expert Panels* in *Internal Regulations*.

(3) A *Committee* shall consist of a **Chairperson**, a **Deputy Chairperson**, up to **five (5) supplementary full members** and up to **six (6) corresponding members**.

An *Officer* shall be neither Chairperson, nor Deputy Chairperson, nor member of a *Committee*, but he may attend any *Committee Meeting* as an observer.

(4) An *Expert Panel* shall consist of a **co-ordinator** and of three to five (other) members.

An *Officer*, a *Committee* Chairperson or member or an *Official* may be appointed as the co-ordinator or as a member of an *Expert Panel*.

(5) The **Chairperson** of a *Committee* (or his deputy) respectively the **co-ordinator** of an *Expert Panel* shall, in particular:

- represent and manage his *Committee* or *Expert Panel*;
- be responsible for the proper conduct of the business of his *Committee* or *Expert Panel*;
- regularly report to the *Executive Board* on the *Committee's* work and activities.

(6) The Chairperson or his deputy and three full members shall constitute a **quorum** for a *Committee*.

The co-ordinator and three members shall constitute a **quorum** for an *Expert Panel*.

(7) A *Committee* Chairperson or member, an *Official* or an *Expert Panel* co-ordinator or member shall carry out his duties in a **neutral an independent** way, for the best of table tennis in Europe, without regard to the particular interests of his nominating Association.

(8) A *Committee* resp. an *Expert Panel* shall principally conduct its **business by correspondence**.

As far as possible, a *Committee* Chairperson should organise a **Meeting** of his *Committee* at the venue of any important table tennis event.

Upon a duly motivated written application, the *Executive Board* may allow a *Committee* Chairperson to organise a Meeting of his *Committee* at the costs of ETTU, at least for the full members of the *Committee*. However, no *Committee Meeting* will be funded by ETTU if the *Executive Board's* approval has not been requested and given prior to the organisation of such a Meeting.

(9) Principally, the decisions of a *Committee* resp. of an *Expert Panel* shall be taken by **consensus**.

If a consensus may not be reached on an item, the relating decision shall be taken by voting of the full members, with the majority of the votes cast.

(10) ETTU Member Associations may object against decisions of a *Committee* and take the matter to the *Executive Board*. The *Executive Board* may cancel or change decisions of a *Committee*.

#### **B.4.6.2. Appointments**

(1) The *Committee* Chairpersons and the *Officials* shall be appointed by the *Executive Board*, principally for a **term of two (2) years**; they are eligible for re-appointment without any limitation.

(2) The coordinator of any *Expert Panel* shall be appointed by the *Executive Board*, principally for a term equal to the time of duration of the *Expert Panel* concerned, this term to be set by the *Executive Board* in accordance with the object of the *Expert Panel*.

(3) Each *Member Association* may nominate one or more **candidates** for appointment as *Committee* or *Expert Panel* members, but no *Member Association* may nominate more than one candidate for one specific *Committee* or *Expert Panel*.

(4) The Deputy Chairperson, the full members and the corresponding members of the *Committees*, the Deputy *Officials* and the members of the *Expert Panels* shall be appointed by the *Executive Board*, giving due consideration to the relating proposals submitted by the respective *Committee* Chairpersons, *Officials* and *Expert Panel* co-ordinators; they are eligible for re-appointment without any limitation.

#### **B.4.6.3 ATHLETES COMMISSION**

**B.4.6.3.1 MISSION**

The mission of the ETTU Athletes' Commission (hereafter "Commission") is to represent the views of the athletes and make their voice heard within the ETTU.

**B.4.6.3.2 OBJECTIVES**

- (a) The objectives of the Commission are to
  - (a.1) Consider issues related to athletes and provide advice to the ETTU
  - (a.2) Represent the rights and interests of athletes and to make related recommendations
  - (a.3) Maintain contact with the ITTF Athletes' Commission, EOC and EPC Athletes' Commissions.
- (b) The Commission shall have the following specific tasks and activities:
  - (b.1) to establish a means of seeking athletes' opinion on issues of major importance in TT through as wide a network of enquiry as possible;
  - (b.2) to keep the ETTU EB regularly informed of athlete opinion on issues of major importance in TT;
  - (b.3) to report to the EB on organisational issues that may arise in connection with athlete participation at the different competitions organised under the ETTU umbrella;
  - (b.4) to provide opinions on specific issues of athlete interest that may be entrusted to it by the ETTU;
  - (b.5) to promote a "healthy image" and "fairplay" including anti-doping, anti-corruption and illegal betting;
  - (b.6) to be the link between active athletes and ETTU
  - (b.7) to liaise and consult with other Committees and Commissions, where appropriate;
  - (b.8) to contribute to the promotion and fostering of the European and worldwide development of TT.

**B.6.3.3.3 COMPOSITION OF THE COMMISSION**

- (a) The Commission is composed of 5 members:
  - (a.1) 4 athletes elected during the European Championships
  - (a.2) 1 athlete elected during the PTT EC
- (b) They must be at least 16 years of age and have never been sanctioned for a doping offence.
- (c) It will not be possible to have more than 1 representative of the same National Association, except the Para TT representative who may come from the same association as another member of the Athletes Commission.
- (d) The term of office is 4 years. It may be renewed. Inactive members may be replaced after 1 year. A minimum 75% of the members must vote in favour of replacing an inactive member provided that such member has had an opportunity to present reasons for their inactivity. Such inactive member shall be replaced by the athlete who placed next on the results of the election, if still available, provided that he or she shall not come from an association already represented on the Commission and that the gender representation is maintained.

**B.6.3.3.4. ELECTED MEMBERS**

- (a) Elections: the athletes in collaboration with ETTU organise the election on the occasion of the:
  - (a.1) European Championships (EC)
  - (a.2) The PTT European Championships (PTT EC)
 in the year following the election of the ETTU EB. The first elections will be held in 2013 at the EC in Vienna and PTT EC in Lignano. Then the next elections will be held in 2017 and every 4 years thereafter.
- (b) Organisation of elections: in cooperation with the athletes' commission the ETTU Secretariat will sent the information to all European NAs.
  - (b.1) Eligibility criteria: candidates must meet the following criteria:
    - must be nominated by his/her NA prior to the EC and PTT EC where the election takes place and having participated at the previous EC and PTT EC during the period of the last 4 years.
    - must be 16 years of age at the time the election takes place

- must not have been sanctioned for a doping offence or illegal betting
  - must have been selected by his/her NA
  - a NA may present up to 2 candidates
- The eligibility of each candidate is decided and confirmed by the EB.
- (c) Presentation and submission of candidatures:  
To be admissible, the candidature proposal must include the following documents and be received by the ETTU by the date set in the invitation:
- a candidature form, duly signed by the candidate and the President of his/her NA
  - a complete biography form
  - a recent passport photo
- (d) Election process
- Electorate: all athletes taking part in the EC and PTT EC have the right to vote
  - Information: the ETTU will publish an election leaflet which presents all the candidates and gives general information on the elections (dates, locations, voting procedure etc.)
- (e) Voting procedure: is described in the election manual and shall in any case comply with the following principles:
- each player has one vote
  - the vote must be exercised in person and by secret ballot
  - voting by proxy or correspondence is not allowed
  - abstentions, blank or spoiled votes are not taken into consideration in the calculation of the required majority.
- (f) Elected athletes: one male and one female athlete who obtain the highest number of votes are elected to the Commission; thereafter 2 more athletes who obtain the highest number of votes are elected to the Commission; the Para TT athlete who obtains the highest number of votes is elected to the Commission at the PTT EC.
- (g) Tie: in case of a tie, preference is given:
- to a candidate to balance gender equity
  - finally to the highest ranked candidate in the ITTF World Ranking.

**B.6.3.3.5. CHAIR OF THE ATHLETES COMMISSION**

He /she will be proposed by the Commission to the EB.

**B.6.3.3.6. REPRESENTATION OF THE COMMISSION WITHIN THE ETTU**

- (a) The Chair of the Commission is a co-opted member of the EB, with no voting rights.
- (b) The Chair can be replaced by an AC member to attend the EB meetings.

**B.6.3.3.7. MEETING OF THE COMMISSION**

- (a) The Commission shall meet at least once a year before, at, or immediately after the European Championships at the same place.
- (b) The ETTU is responsible for ensuring, within its means, that the Commission is able to meet.
- (c) Travel: the ETTU is responsible for 100% of the agreed economy air fare for the Chair and for the Para TT member of the Commission should they not otherwise be at the EC.
- (d) Accommodation: the ETTU is responsible to provide full board accommodation for the Chair and for the Para TT member of the Commission for the official dates stated in the invitation to the meeting.
- (e) The working language of the Commission will be English.

## B.4.7. JURIDICAL BOARDS

### B.4.7.1. General Provisions

(1) A *Juridical Board* shall normally conduct its **business** either by correspondence or through telephone conferences or using other communication means.

If required or otherwise indicated, a *Juridical Board* may conduct its business also in a Meeting.

(2) A member of a *Juridical Board*, whose voting right has not been suspended according to the relating provisions of the *Constitution*, shall have **one vote** in the *Juridical Board* concerned.

In a *Juridical Board*, neither the representation of a member by another member nor the transfer of the voting right between members by means of a **proxy** is allowed.

(3) A member of a *Juridical Board* shall carry out his duties in a **neutral and independent** way, without regard to the particular interests of his nominating Association.

(4) Unless otherwise stated or specifically decided by the *Juridical Board* concerned, a decision of a *Juridical Board* shall take effect the day of its official dispatching to the *Member Associations* and/or to the persons concerned (e.g. through mail or a publication in the *INFO*).

### B.4.7.2. Election of Members

(nil)

## B.5. JURISDICTION

B.5.1 (nil)

B.5.2 The provisions and rules governing the jurisdiction and the proceedings of the Juridical Boards are specified in the Annexes BA, BB and BC to Regulation [B] as follows:

- \* Annex BA: Rules governing the legal procedure of the Board of Justice
- \* Annex BB: Rules governing the legal procedure of the Board of Appeal
- \* Annex BC: Catalogue of disciplinary measures and sanctions.

The Annexes BA, BB and BC are to be considered as an integral part of Regulation [B].



## B.6. FINANCES

### B.6.1. Financial Accounts

(1) In accordance with the relevant *Regulations*, the **Revenue** shall, in principal, consist of the following income:

- a) the annual subscription fee due by each *Member Association*;
- b) the levies for *Events*;
- c) the entry fees for *Events*;
- d) the levies for media transmissions and for advertisement rights;
- e) the income from marketing and promotion activities.

(2) The **bank accounts** shall be held in a country to be decided upon by the *Executive Board*.

If there are however no fundamental objections to do so, the bank accounts should be held in the country of the *Seat*.

(3) The *Vice-President for Finances* shall submit to the *Annual Ordinary Congress Meeting*:

- the **Financial Statements** relating to the year preceding the year of the Meeting;
- a **Budget** for the next following (i.e. the running) year.

(4) The auditor as well as the *Financial Experts* shall each year submit to the *Annual Ordinary Congress Meeting* a written report concerning their audit(s) of the *Finances* in general and of the *Financial Accounts* in particular.

(5) If necessary for specific or urgent reasons, extraordinary expenditures not included in the *Budget* may be authorised by the *Executive Board*, with the two-thirds majority of the votes cast.

### B.6.2. Membership Subscription

(1) The annual *Membership* subscription fee is fixed to **three hundred and fifty** (350,-) euro.

## **B.7. MEDIA TRANSMISSIONS**

(1) The exclusive rights hold by ETTU concerning the media transmissions in relation with all *Events* include all television and radio transmissions as well as all transmissions via INTERNET or similar electronic means and/or networks.

(2) The *Executive Board* has the exclusive power to settle the (financial and technical) provisions governing the implementation of the media transmission rights, either in the *Regulations* relating to the different *Events* or in specific *Directives*.

## **B.8. CONTRACTS**

*(nil)*

## **B.9. DISSOLUTION**

*(nil)*

## B.10. VARIOUS

### B.10.1. ITTF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

#### B.10.1.1. General Provisions

- (1) In this chapter, the 'ITTF Board of Directors' is designated by '**ITTF-BoD**'.
- (2) A European representative in the ITTF-BoD shall carry out his duties in a **neutral and independent** way, for the best of the world and particularly the European table tennis, without regard to the particular interests of his nominating Association.

#### B.10.1.2. Appointments and Elections

- (1) Depending upon the number of *Member Associations*, there shall be from six to twelve delegates to be appointed respectively to be elected as '**European representatives in the ITTF-BoD**'.
- (2) As far as he is not yet member of the ITTF-BoD through a specific position he holds in ITTF, the **Deputy President** shall ex-officio be appointed as a European representative in the ITTF-BoD, provided he accepts this appointment.
- (3) A Member Association may nominate only one candidate for the elections of the European representatives in the ITTF-BoD, thus the European representatives in the ITTF-BoD (i.e. the one appointed by the *Executive Board* according to § (2) as well as those elected by the *Congress*) all are delegates from different nominating *Member Associations*.

Provided the *Deputy President* has accepted his appointment as ITTF-BoD member, his nominating Association shall not be allowed to nominate another candidate for the afore-mentioned elections.

A candidate for the position as European representative in the ITTF-BoD shall be nominated only with the written consent of the candidate himself and of the nominating Association.

- (4) The European representatives in the ITTF-BoD shall be appointed respectively elected by the *Congress* at its *Annual Ordinary Meeting* in the years of the Olympic Summer Games for a **term of four (4) years**; they are eligible for re-election without any limitation.

In order to ensure the maximum number of European representatives in the ITTF-BoD, European candidates elected by the *Congress* shall automatically be replaced by the next candidates on the **reserve list**<sup>(\*)</sup> if they have been or if they will be co-opted as ex-officio members to the ITTF-BoD on the basis of their appointment as ITTF Committee Chairperson.

<sup>(\*)</sup> i.e. the list with the candidates who had not been elected, ranked in the sequence of the votes they had cast in their favour at the last election for the ITTF-BoD

In the event the position of a European representative in the ITTF-BoD becomes vacant in the first three years of the term of office, that position shall be taken for the rest of the term by the next candidate from the reserve list<sup>(\*)</sup>.

#### B.10.2. LIABILITY

The liability and the responsibility of any person acting on behalf of ETTU is limited only to faults committed in relation with the execution of this person's mandate or professional task.

### **B.10.3. INTERNATIONAL ELIGIBILITY**

(1) Principally, the ITTF eligibility regulations for World Title events shall apply to all ETTU team and individual *Events*, except as provided in § (2), § (3) and in the chapters B.10.3.1. to B.10.3.5.

(2) A player who is not eligible to take part in the European Championships according to the provisions of § (1), but who:

- (a) is eligible to represent at the Olympic Games the NOC of a country whose National Table Tennis Federation is a Member of the ETTU, and
- (b) is able to officially prove that he has uninterruptedly been a resident in this country for at least five (5) years, and
- (c) has not represented the National Table Tennis Federation of another country at international table tennis events for at least three (3) years,

is eligible to participate in European Championships, team and individual events.

#### **B.10.3.1. Europe TOP-12**

(1) Only players eligible to represent a *Member Association* in the European Championships' team events are eligible to participate in the Europe TOP-12 events.

#### **B.10.3.2. European Veterans Championships**

(1) A player shall register with the Organizing Committee under the name of the country he is a national of, and/or his country of main residence in Europe. If requested by the Organizing Committee or the referee, the player shall provide documentary evidence of his eligibility.

#### **B.10.3.3. European Youth Championships**

(1) A player shall be eligible to represent in the European Youth Championships a *Member Association* having jurisdiction in a country, if:

- a) the player either
  - a.1. is a national of that country;
  - a.2. has been born in that country without being a national of it;
  - a.3. is resident in that country since at least five years (the concerned player shall provide official documentary evidence of his residence, if so required by ETTU);

and

- b) the player has never before represented any other *Member Association* in the European Youth Championships.

#### **B.10.3.4. Europe Youth TOP 10**

(1) Only players eligible to represent a *Member Association* in the European Youth Championships are eligible to participate in the Europe Youth TOP 10.

#### **B.10.3.5. European Club Cup Competitions**

(1) A player shall be eligible to represent a club as a 'non-foreign' player in the European Champions League or in the ETTU Cup if he is eligible to represent the *Member Association* to which the club concerned is affiliated in international team competitions in which the team represents an Association.

Besides, a player having the nationality of a state whose National Table Tennis Association is a *Member Association* shall have the right to represent as a 'non-foreign' player any club of any *Member Association*.

(2) A player who has represented a club as a 'non-foreign' player in one of the *Events* mentioned in the first section of § (1) shall have the right to represent as a 'non-foreign' player any club of the *Member Association* to which the club he last represented is affiliated.

<sup>(3)</sup> A club shall, through the *Member Association* to which it is affiliated, register with the *General Secretary* all proposed representative players who previously have represented a club of another *Member Association*, not later than two (2) months before the start of the first event in which the players concerned are to represent it.

**B.10.4. VISAS**

It shall be the responsibility of a visiting *Member Association* or club to obtain any visas necessary for its members to travel to *Meetings* or to *Events*, but the host *Member Association* or club shall assist the visiting *Member Association* or club in every possible way to ensure that the required visas are made available to the visitors in due time.

**B.10.5. PLAYING CLOTHES**

In any *Event*, except those implying only club teams, a player's clothing shall be authorised by the *Member Association* that has nominated him.

**B.10.6. ANTI-DOPING RULES**

For all competitions authorised or governed by ETTU, the ITTF Anti-Doping Rules (\*), based on the WADA Code, shall apply in their entirety.

(\*) References: a) Chapter 5 of the ITTF Handbook,  
b) ITTF Technical Leaflet T13

**B.10.7. RACKET CONTROL**

In any Event (EC, EYC, EVC, TOP-12, TOP-10), a control of rackets may be established according to general and specific rules laid down and published by the Executive Board and including adequate disciplinary sanctions for racket failures. If requested by the ETTU, the Host Association shall provide free hospitality for the chief racket controllers, set up a racket control centre and arrange for local helpers.

**B.11. CONCLUDING PROVISIONS**

(nil)

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**BA. RULES GOVERNING THE LEGAL PROCEDURE OF THE BOARD OF JUSTICE****BA.1 Competencies**

BA.1.1 According to the provisions of the *Constitution* and *Regulations* as well as of the *Catalogue of Disciplinary Sanctions*, the *Board of Justice ('BoJ')* may respectively shall:

- decide in disputes arisen between two or more out of the following bodies: ETTU, *Member Association*, club affiliated to a *Member Association*;
- impose disciplinary measures and/or sanctions on a *Member Association* or a club or on a player or official who is a member of a *Member Association* or a club, in the case of a violation of the *Constitution*, the *Regulations* or the official decisions of relevant *Authorities* (as e.g. the *Congress*, the *Executive Board*, etc.).

BA.1.2 The *BoJ* is entitled to lodge itself a case as soon as it comes to its knowledge.

BA.1.3. Any *Member Association* or, in the case of a *Club-Event*, any club affiliated to a *Member Association* is entitled to lodge a case either on its own behalf or on behalf of one of its members, as e.g. an official or a player affiliated to it or being otherwise under its authority.

BA.1.4. The *BoJ* may give a ruling as a guide for future decisions; such a ruling may be made the subject of an appeal to the *Board of Appeal*, but it shall not affect the finality of any decision made earlier in that matter by a duly authorized person or body.

**BA.2 Holding court**

The *BoJ* shall hold court whenever its *Chairperson* considers it either necessary or required according to relevant regulations, or upon the request of three (3) of its members.

**BA.3 Language**

In relation with a lodged case, the *BoJ* as well as all other parties concerned by or involved in the case shall make use exclusively of the official *Language*.

**BA.4 Challenge of Judges**

If the nominating *Member Association* of a member of the *BoJ* or a club of this nominating *Member Association* is involved in a case, then the member concerned shall not take part neither in the procedure to settle the case nor in the relating decision making process.

**BA.5 Time-limits and deadlines**

A case lodged to the *BoJ* by either a *Member Association* or a club shall be submitted to the *Secretariat*, strictly respecting the applicable deadlines as laid own in the respectively relevant *Regulation*.

At the time of lodging a case, the lodging party shall simultaneously submit to the *Secretariat* all supporting documents and arguments relevant for and concerning the case.

**BA.6 Conformity issues**

Upon the relating decision of the *BoJ* Chairperson, a case may not be accepted, if it is not submitted in conformity with the provisions of the *Constitution*, the *Regulations* or the present rules.

**BA.7 Costs**

The costs of the procedure of the *BoJ* shall include the actual expenses and the lodging's fee of 1.000,- EUR. This latter fee shall be paid into the ETTU bank account mentioned in the *Handbook* and has to be received by the ETTU within eight (8) days of the submission of the case.

Principally, actual expenses arising from the *BoJ* instance, except for legal assistance, shall be charged to the guilty party in full or in part, according to the judgement of the case. Moreover, a party that by its behaviour has caused additional or superfluous expenses may be held responsible for part or all of such expenses, regardless of the judgement.

The *BoJ* shall decide on the procedure's costs and on the eventual return of the lodging's fee. It shall also apportion the costs among the parties as it deems fit. If a frivolous or irresponsible case is lodged, the *BoJ* may as well decide to retain an additional amount of maximum 500,- EUR. No payment of interest shall be made on return of the lodging's fee.

In any case, the *Member Association* concerned is responsible for covering the costs of the procedure for any case lodged to the *BoJ* either by itself or by one of its clubs.

#### **BA.8 Preliminary procedure**

The preliminary part of the proceedings shall be in writing, the *General Secretary* being responsible for the compilation of the case file.

As all the parties concerned by a case must have the possibility to examine the documents and arguments relating to the case, the case file shall at least contain the following:

- a) the lodging application;
- b) a detailed report of the facts;
- c) the conclusions and their motivation;
- d) the case relevant documents.

#### **BA.9 Reply**

Through the intermediary of the *General Secretary*, the *BoJ* shall inform the opposing or accused party (parties) within fifteen (15) days of the case lodging. The provisions of § AA.8 shall also apply to the reply and the relevant documents which are in hands of the opposing or accused party (parties) shall be attached to this reply as well.

The *BoJ* Chairperson shall take all necessary steps to speed up the settlement of a case as much as possible.

#### **BA.10 Means of evidence**

It is obligatory for any party concerned by or involved in a lodged case to provide the *BoJ* with the whole as well as the correct information on any request of interest and to provide any requested information at the earliest convenience.

The *BoJ* may extend its investigations to include facts that have not been put forward by the parties concerned, but which may have an influence on the judgement of the case.

#### **BA.11 Debates and presence of the parties**

BA.11.1 Following the exchange of the supporting documents, the *BoJ* Chairperson shall, if she considers it necessary, fix a date for debates at the shortest possible notice.

Any parties concerned by a case shall have the right to be present or represented at the debates of that case, if any, up to the resolution of the judgement. Only persons officially accredited or nominated by a *Member Association* or – eventually - by a club shall have the right to represent the Association or the club concerned. The number of Association's or club's representatives at the debates shall not be more than three (3), plus one interpreter, if necessary. The *BoJ* is competent to decide all questions concerning the representation of any party.

BA.11.2 The procedure of the *BoJ* as well as its judgement shall also be valid in the absence of one or more of the summoned parties.

BA.11.3 The parties concerned by a case shall be allowed to express their point of view. The parties may on that occasion complete the conclusions made in their submission.

BA.11.4 The *BoJ* may order a confrontation of parties. Any eventual refusal to submit to such confrontation shall be freely judged by the *BoJ*.

BA.11.5 If the circumstances so require, the *BoJ* may postpone the debates and decree all measures which it may consider appropriate to enlighten the case.

BA.11.6 After the oral declarations, the debates are closed and the *BoJ* shall pass its judgement in justice and fairness.

#### **BA.12 Decisions and Resolutions**

Decisions of the *BoJ* shall be taken with the majority of the votes cast, according to the provisions of chapter A.4.2. of the *Constitution*.

To be valid, a decision of the *BoJ* must have been taken by at least three (3) of its members.

The members of the *BoJ* are bound to secrecy in so far as the resolutions of the *BoJ* are concerned.

#### **BA.13 Communication and validity of the judgement**

BA.13.1 If present at the debates, the parties shall be orally informed of the *BoJ* judgement after the resolutions have been taken. The *BoJ* judgement shall also be forwarded, via the *Secretariat*, to the parties concerned in writing, in case of urgency by e-mail.

BA.13.2 The *BoJ* judgement shall come into force either with the dispatching of the written communication (by letter or e-mail) or on any other date as settled by the *BoJ*. The motivation of the judgement shall be briefly confirmed in writing.

BA.13.3 The *BoJ* may make public and briefly motivate decisions concerning matters of principle or particularly relevant cases.

#### **BA.14 Revision of the judgement**

Parties involved in a case settled by the *BoJ* may request a revision of the relating judgement if new facts or new circumstances have emerged, which have not been not known at the time of the *BoJ* resolutions. This request, including detailed information, has to be sent via the *Secretariat* to the *BoJ* Chairperson, who shall decide upon the appropriateness of a new settlement of the case.

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**BB RULES GOVERNING THE LEGAL PROCEDURE OF THE BOARD OF APPEAL****BB.1. Competencies**

- BB.1.1 According to the provisions of the *Constitution* and *Regulations* as well as of the *Catalogue of Disciplinary Sanctions*, the *Board of Appeal ('BoA')* may respectively shall:
- confirm, reject or modify a juridical decision of the *Board of Justice ('BoJ')*;
  - consider questions of interpretation of the *Constitution* or the *Regulations*, so far as such questions arise in a case brought forward to the *BoA*.
- BB.1.2 Any *Member Associations* or, in the case of a *Club-Event*, any club affiliated to a *Member Association* is entitled to lodge an appeal either on its own behalf or on behalf of one of its members, as e.g. an official or a player affiliated to it or being otherwise under its authority.
- BB.1.3 The claims of the parties are not binding on the *BoA*, which may alter a decision of the *BoJ* even to the disadvantage of the party lodging the appeal or of any other party.
- BB.1.4 The decisions of the *BoA* shall be final and binding to all parties concerned.
- BB.1.5 An appeal shall have no delaying effect, except for financial matters and for fines.

**BB.2 Holding court**

The *BoA* shall hold court whenever its Chairperson considers it either necessary or required according to relevant regulations, or upon the request of three (3) of its members.

**BB.3 Language**

In relation with a lodged appeal, the *BoA* as well as all other parties concerned by or involved in the case shall make use exclusively of the official *Language*.

**BB.4 Challenge of Judges**

If the nominating *Member Association* of a member of the *BoA* or a club of this nominating *Member Association* is involved in a case, then the member concerned shall not take part neither in the procedure to settle the case nor in the relating decision making process.

**BB.5 Time-limits and deadlines**

An appeal lodged to the *BoA* by either a *Member Association* or a club shall be submitted to the *Secretariat* within eight (8) days of the official dispatching of the judgement of the *BoJ*.

At the time of lodging an appeal, the lodging party shall simultaneously submit to the *Secretariat* all supporting documents and arguments relevant for and concerning the case.

**BB.6 Conformity issues**

Upon the relating decision of the *BoA* Chairperson, an appeal may not be accepted, if it is not submitted in conformity with the provisions of the *Constitution*, the *Regulations* or the present rules.

**BB.7 Costs**

The costs of the procedure of the *BoA* shall include the actual expenses and the appeal fee of 1.000,- EUR. This latter fee shall be paid into the ETTU bank account mentioned in the *Handbook* and has to be received by the ETTU within eight (8) days of the submission of the case.

Principally, actual expenses arising from the *BoJ* and *BoA* instances, except for legal assistance, shall be charged to the guilty party in full or in part, according to the judgement of the case. Moreover, a party that by its behaviour has caused additional or superfluous expenses may be held responsible for part or all of such expenses, regardless of the judgement.

The *BoA* shall decide on the procedure's costs and on the eventual return of the lodging's fee. It shall also apportion the costs among the parties as it deems fit. If a frivolous or irresponsible appeal is lodged, the *BoA* may as well decide to retain an additional amount of maximum 500,- EUR. No payment of interest shall be made on return of the lodging's fee.

In any case, the *Member Association* concerned is responsible for covering the costs of the procedure for any appeal lodged to the *BoA* either by itself or by one of its clubs.

#### **BB.8 Preliminary procedure**

The preliminary part of the proceedings shall be in writing, the *General Secretary* being responsible for the compilation of the case file.

As all the parties concerned by an appeal must have the possibility to examine the documents and arguments relating to the appeal, the case file shall at least contain the following:

- a) the lodging application, including the decision of the *BoJ*;
- b) the conclusions and their motivation;
- c) the appeal relevant documents.

#### **BB.9 Reply**

Through the intermediary of the *General Secretary*, the *BoA* shall inform any other party (parties) concerned within fifteen (15) days of the appeal lodging. The provisions of § BA.8 shall also apply to the reply and the relevant documents which are in hands of the other party (parties) shall be attached to this reply as well.

The *BoA* Chairperson shall take all necessary steps to speed up the settlement of an appeal as much as possible.

#### **BB.10 Means of evidence**

It is obligatory for any party concerned by or involved in a lodged appeal to provide the *BoA* with the whole as well as the correct information on any request of interest and to provide any requested information at the earliest convenience.

The *BoA* may extend its investigations to include facts that have not been put forward by the parties concerned, but which may have an influence on the judgement of the case.

#### **BB.11 Debates and presence of the parties**

BB.11.1 Following the exchange of the supporting documents, the *BoA* Chairperson shall, if she considers it necessary, fix a date for debates at the shortest possible notice.

Any parties concerned by an appeal shall have the right to be present or represented at the debates of that appeal, if any, up to the resolution of the judgement. Only persons officially accredited or nominated by a *Member Association* or – eventually - by a club shall have the right to represent the Association or the club concerned. The number of Association's or club's representatives at the debates shall not be more than three (3), plus one interpreter, if necessary. The *BoA* is competent to decide all questions concerning the representation of any party.

BB.11.2 The procedure of the *BoA* as well as its judgement shall also be valid in the absence of one or more of the summoned parties.

BB.11.3 The parties concerned by an appeal shall be allowed to express their point of view. The parties may on that occasion complete the conclusions made in their submission.

BB.11.4 The *BoA* may order a confrontation of parties. Any eventual refusal to submit to such confrontation shall be freely judged by the *BoA*.

BB.11.5 If the circumstances so require, the *BoA* may postpone the debates and decree all measures which it may consider appropriate to enlighten the case.

BB.11.6 After the oral declarations, the debates are closed and the *BoA* shall pass its judgement in justice and fairness.

#### **BB.12 Decisions and Resolutions**

Decisions of the *BoA* shall be taken with the majority of the votes cast, according to the provisions of chapter A.4.2. of the *Constitution*.

To be valid, a decision of the *BoA* must have been taken by at least three (3) of its members.

The members of the *BoA* are bound to secrecy in so far as the resolutions of the *BoA* are concerned.

#### **BB.13 Communication and validity of the judgement**

BB.13.1 If present at the debates, the parties shall be orally informed of the *BoA* judgement after the resolutions have been taken. The *BoA* judgement shall also be forwarded, via the *Secretariat*, to the parties concerned in writing, in case of urgency by e-mail.

BB.13.2 The *BoA* judgement shall come into force either with the dispatching of the written communication (by letter or e-mail) or on any other date as settled by the *BoA*. The motivation of the judgement shall be briefly confirmed in writing.

BB.13.3 The *BoA* may make public and briefly motivate decisions concerning matters of principle or particularly relevant cases.

#### **BB.14 Revision of the judgement**

Parties involved in a case settled by the *BoA* may request a revision of the relating judgement if new facts or new circumstances have emerged, which have not been not known at the time of the *BoA* resolutions. This request, including detailed information, has to be sent via the *Secretariat* to the *BoA* Chairperson, who shall decide upon the appropriateness of a new settlement of the case.

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**BC. CATALOGUE OF DISCIPLINARY MEASURES AND SANCTIONS**

**BC.1 General provisions**

- BC.1.1 *Member Associations*, clubs, club teams, players and coaches, as well as umpires and other persons fulfilling an official task at a *Competition* (= officials) shall all behave in accordance with the principles of **loyalty, integrity and sporting spirit**.
- BC.1.2 Any *Member Association*, club, club team, player, coach or official may be sanctioned in the case of a violation of the *Constitution*, the *Regulations* or the official decisions of relevant *Authorities*.
- BC.1.3 In any case, any *Member Association* is fully responsible for the clubs, club teams, players, coaches, officials and other persons representing it, affiliated to it or otherwise under its authority.
- BC.1.4 The *Executive Board* or the *Board of Justice* may impose disciplinary measures and sanctions according either to the present '*Catalogue of Disciplinary Measures and Sanctions*' or to other relevant *Regulations*.

**BC.2 Disciplinary sanctions in direct connection with Competitions**

- BC.2.1 There are two types of competitions to be distinguished:
- a) 'short-term' competitions, as e.g. tournaments, staged at one venue and played continuously;
  - b) 'long-term' competitions, as e.g. leagues, played at different venues and at different times, throughout a major part of one or more playing seasons.
- Protests and appeals shall be made as follows:
- at 'short-term' *Competitions* : according to the relevant ITTF rules or regulations;
  - at 'long-term' *Competitions*: according to the respectively relevant *Regulations*.
- BC.2.2 Any serious infringement upon ITTF or ETTU Regulations or rules, committed by a team, a player, a coach or an official, and which in the opinion of the referee, the organiser or the Jury of a *Competition* is of such a gravity to require a disciplinary sanction or another follow-up action, shall be brought to the knowledge of either the *Executive Board* or the *Board of Justice*.
- BC.2.3 In disciplinary matters, ETTU shall generally follow the ITTF policy, i.e. to disqualify the trespasser (team, player, coach, official) from the running *Competition* concerned and to report the case to its/his nominating Association, which shall take an appropriate action and/or impose an appropriate sanction.

**BC.3 Disciplinary sanctions by the Executive Board or the Board of Justice**

- BC.3.1 In addition to the cases mentioned in chapter AC.2 of this Catalogue, the following offences shall as well be subject to disciplinary action by the *Executive Board* and/or by the *Board of Justice*:
- a) a non-compliance with or a violation of official decisions, taken by relevant *Authorities* according to the *Constitution* and *Regulations*;
  - b) the supply on purpose of false or incomplete information to the *Executive Board* or to a *Juridical Board* in a case or an appeal brought forward;
  - c) any other unreasonable conduct which may bring the table tennis sport, ETTU, a *Member Association* or a club affiliated to a *Member Association* into disrepute;
  - d) any other non-conformity with or violation of ITTF and/or ETTU Regulations.
- In the case of, a full report of the facts, including the names and addresses of all persons concerned by the case as well as of any witnesses, shall be sent to the *Secretariat*.
- BC.3.2 The disciplinary sanctions which may be imposed by either the *Executive Board* or the *Juridical Boards* to *Member Associations*, clubs, club teams, players, coaches or officials are:
- a) a warning;
  - b) a financial fine;
  - c) a disqualification;
  - d) a suspension <sup>(\*)</sup>.

<sup>(\*)</sup> according to the relating provisions of the *Constitution*, an eventual suspension of a Member Association by the Executive Board shall be confirmed and endorsed by a relating decision to be taken by the *Congress* at its next following Meeting

Doping cases are regulated separately, through the relating chapter of the *Specific Regulations*.

## **C EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS (Team event 2014)**

### **C.1 AUTHORITY FOR ORGANISATION**

- C.1.1 The championships shall be organised by one member Association appointed by the ETTU.
- C.1.2 Application procedure and decision
- C.1.2.1 Any Association wishing to organise the championships shall send a written application to the General Secretary.
- C.1.2.2 The following conditions have to be acknowledged:
- The closing date for applications shall be specified by the Executive Board and notified to all Associations.
  - Applications must be in line with the relevant Regulations, Directives as well as the Technical and Economic Directives.
  - All details of organisation must be included in the presentation of the venue to the Executive Board, on the basis of the directives for presentations.
- C.1.2.3 The Regulations, the Technical and Economic Directives and the directives for presentations can be obtained from the General Secretary, who will also set the date for the presentations.
- C.1.2.4 The Executive Board, together with the chairman of the Technical Committee, shall appoint the organising Association, after the evaluation of the presentations held by the applicants.
- C.1.2.5 The championships shall be organised according to the provisions of a contract between ETTU and the Host Association to be signed no later than 8 months before the start of the event.

### **C.2 RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS**

- C.2.1 All international TV, Internet, equipment, advertising and marketing rights are vested in the ETTU. The exact distribution of responsibilities in these sectors shall be stated in the Technical and Economic Directives and finally laid down in the contract between ETTU and the organiser.
- In any case the splitting of the surrounds shall be as follows:  
 40% - title sponsor  
 20% - equipment sponsor  
 40% - organiser  
 Corner boards: 2 for the organiser and 2 for ETTU.
- C.2.2 All gate receipts belong to the Host Association.

### **C.3 QUALIFICATION**

- C.3.1 The championships 2014 shall be open for entry in team events to all Member Associations whose subscriptions are not in arrears.
- C.3.2 Teams not having competed in the previous Championships will be allocated to the Standard Division.
- C.3.3 All players shall be eligible to represent their Associations in accordance with the provisions of article B.10.

**C.4 DATE AND DURATION**

- C.4.1 The Team Championships shall be held in end of September/beginning of October over a period of 5 (five) days.
- C.4.2 The organising Association, in cooperation with the ETTU Competition Manager, shall submit an outline playing schedule to the Chairman of the Technical Committee and to the General Secretary for approval no later than 6 months before the Championships.

**C.5 EVENTS**

- C.5.1 The Team Championships shall include men's team and women's team events
- C.5.1.2 For the team events a division format will be used, with
- 16 teams in the 1<sup>st</sup> division (Championships Division)
  - 16 teams in the 2<sup>nd</sup> division (Challenge Division) and
  - the remaining teams in the 3<sup>rd</sup> division (Standard Division), if there are at least three teams. If there are only two teams remained, they go to the 2<sup>nd</sup> division.

**C.6 ENTRY FEES AND LEVIES**

- C.6.1 The entry fees paid to the organising Association shall be 35 € for a team.
- C.6.2 There shall be, payable to the ETTU, a levy of 20.000 € for the team Championships on the organising Association and of 1.500 € on a team in the Championships Division, 1.000 € on a team in the Challenge Division and 500 € on a team in the Standard Division as well as a levy for each player of 30 €.
- C.6.3 The relevant entry fees must be paid to the Organising Committee together with the submission of entries to the European Championships. The relevant levies on the participating teams and players must be paid to the ETTU bank account at the time of the submission of entries. Otherwise, the entries will not be accepted.  
All teams that fail to arrive at the European Championships without notification in writing to the Organisers and the ETTU prior to the team draw will be fined by the ETTU Executive Board with an amount of up to 5,000 € and entry into the next European Championships will only be accepted if payment for entry fees and hospitality charges are made in full to the organisers at the same time as the entry form.
- C.6.4 The entry fees and levies as well as other pre-payment will not be refunded if an Association fails to arrive at the European Championships.

**C.7 ENTRIES**

**C.7.1 Numbers**

- C.7.1.1 An Association may enter only 1 team in each team event.
- C.7.1.2 Each Association shall be entitled to enter up to 5 players in a men's team and up to 5 players in a women's team.

## C.7.2 Entry Forms

C.7.2.1 The Prospectus shall be agreed by the organising Association with the General Secretary and shall be distributed to all the Member Associations.

C.7.2.2 Associations have to enter all their participants at the Championships through the online entry system determined by the ETTU. The online entry system will include a statement, to be agreed by an official of the nominating Association on behalf of its players and captains, that they understand and accept the conditions of the championships and that they are prepared to compete against all other teams participating.

## C.7.3 Modification

C.7.3.1 Associations are allowed to modify their online entries (no additional entries are allowed) only up to the relating deadline announced in the Prospectus (principally 5 working days before the start of the Championships). After this deadline no further changes are allowed anymore.

## C.8 HOSPITALITY

C.8.1 The organising Association shall cover **100%** of the cost of hospitality from the evening before the championships begin until the morning after they end for

C.8.1.1 **1 man and 1 woman player** of an Association that has entered both their teams in the event;

C.8.1.2 **1 man player** of an Association that has entered their men's team in the event;

C.8.1.3 **1 woman player** of an Association that has entered their women's team in the event;

C.8.2 The organising Association shall provide **free hospitality for 3 days / 2 nights for 1 delegate** from each Association attending the ETTU Congress during the championships. Delegates not attending the Congress will have to reimburse the organising Association.

C.8.3 The organising Association shall provide free hospitality from the evening before the championships begin until the morning after they end for

C.8.3.1 the Executive Board members, the ETTU Sub-Committee Chairmen, the Club Competitions, Press and Medical Officials or their deputies, the Competition Manager, the Honorary members and **8** ETTU staff members;

C.8.3.2 all invited foreign referees and umpires.

C.8.3 The organising Association shall provide free hospitality for all referees from the evening two days before the championships begin until the morning after they end, plus the travel expenses.

C.8.4 The costs of hospitality for persons not entitled to free hospitality, shall be agreed at least 6 months in advance by the Executive Board, and shall be subject to a contract between ETTU and the organising member Association.

C.8.5 The participating Associations have to use the accommodation provided by the organiser. The hospitality costs include: accommodation in a high level hotel (checked by ETTU), all meals of a high quality, the return transportation from the nearest international airport/railway station to the hotel and venue, the shuttle bus transportation during the competition hall/hotel, the accreditation to the competition with guaranteed seats for the final matches.

C.8.6 The organising Association shall provide free hospitality and reimburse the travel costs for the ETTU Competition Manager when he inspects the facilities and proposed playing conditions of the championships and when he conducts the draw for team events.

### **C.8.7 Cancellation fees**

C.8.7.1 An Association cancelling a person of their announced delegation after the deadline of the final entries up to 10 days before the Championships starts has to pay a cancellation fee of 100 € per person.

C.8.7.2 An Association cancelling a person of their announced delegation during the last 10 days before the championships or arriving with less persons than announced, have to pay 100 % of the hospitality costs for every person and for the whole period this person was initially nominated.

### **C.9 THE DRAW**

C.9.1 The draw for team events shall take place at least 30 days before the start of the championships and its outcome shall be published the day of the draw on the ETTU web-site.

C.9.2 For team events no entry will be accepted after the dead-line fixed in the prospectus.

C.9.3 Representatives of Associations participating shall be entitled to attend the draw, which shall be conducted by the ETTU Competition Manager.

C.9.4 The seeding for the team events in the Championships and Challenge Divisions shall be done on the basis of the final positions in the previous European Championships. The seeding for the team events in the Standard Division shall be done on the basis of a separate seeding list set up by the Ranking Committee.

### **C.10 JURY**

C.10.1 The Jury shall consist of the Chairmen of the Ranking, Referees and Umpires, and Technical Committees, (or their deputies), a representative of the organising Association and the Referee or his deputy.

C.10.2 The chairman of the Jury shall be the Chairman of the Technical Committee.

C.10.3 The ETTU Competition Manager must be attending the Jury meetings where he has right to speak and no right to vote.

Presence of any other person will be allowed only in case the Jury call them to defend or explain their positions or complains.

C.10.4 The Jury shall meet on the eve of the championships and at any other time when necessary.

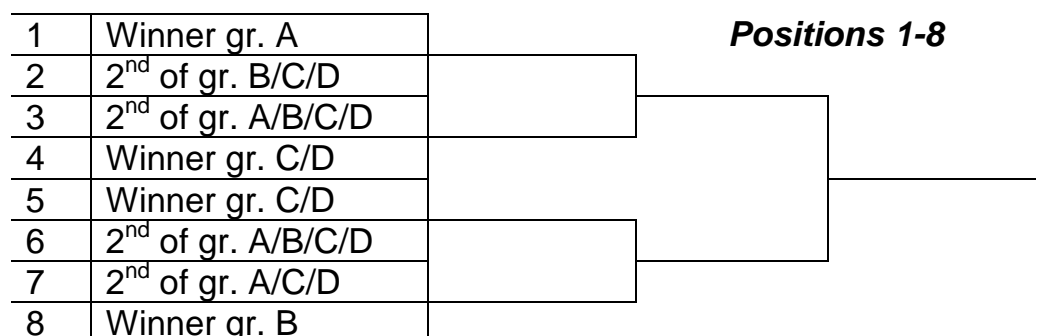


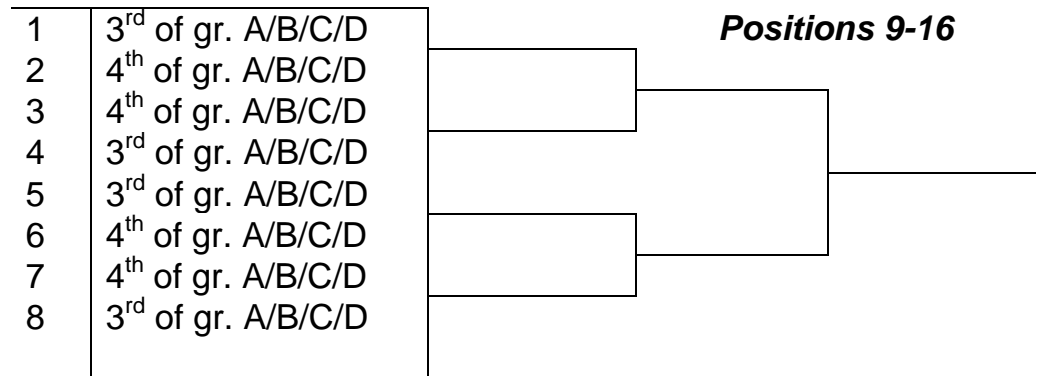
**C.11 SYSTEM OF PLAY for the TEAM EVENTS 2014**

**C.11.1. Championships Division:**

- C.11.1.1 The qualified teams are entitled to play for positions 1 – 16 of the Championships
- C.11.1.2 There will be 4 groups of 4 teams each. Every group shall play a complete round robin in stage 1 (3 matches per team). The seeding list will be provided by the Ranking Committee on the basis of the final positions from the team events in the previous European Championships. The draw will be conducted by placing the top 4 teams as No. 1 in groups A, B, C and D respectively, followed by drawing the remaining teams 2 by 2 according to the snake system into the 4 groups.
- C.11.1.3 In stage 2 the progressive knockout system will be used in order to determine the final position for every team, with the exception of a match for position 3 and 4. The top 2 teams from every group in stage 1 move to the quarterfinals, teams finishing 3 and 4 play for positions 9 to 16 (see diagram, which also shows the method for seeding and drawing).

The winner of group A goes to position 1, the winner of group B goes to position 8, the winners of group C and D shall be drawn between positions 4 and 5. The teams finishing in position 2 of the first stage groups shall be drawn by lot into the remaining places but in the opposite half to the winners of their initial groups. The teams finishing in position 3 of the first stage groups shall be drawn by lot between positions 1, 4, 5 and 8. The teams finishing in position 4 of the first stage groups shall be drawn by lot into the remaining places but in the opposite half to the teams ranked in position 3 of their initial groups.

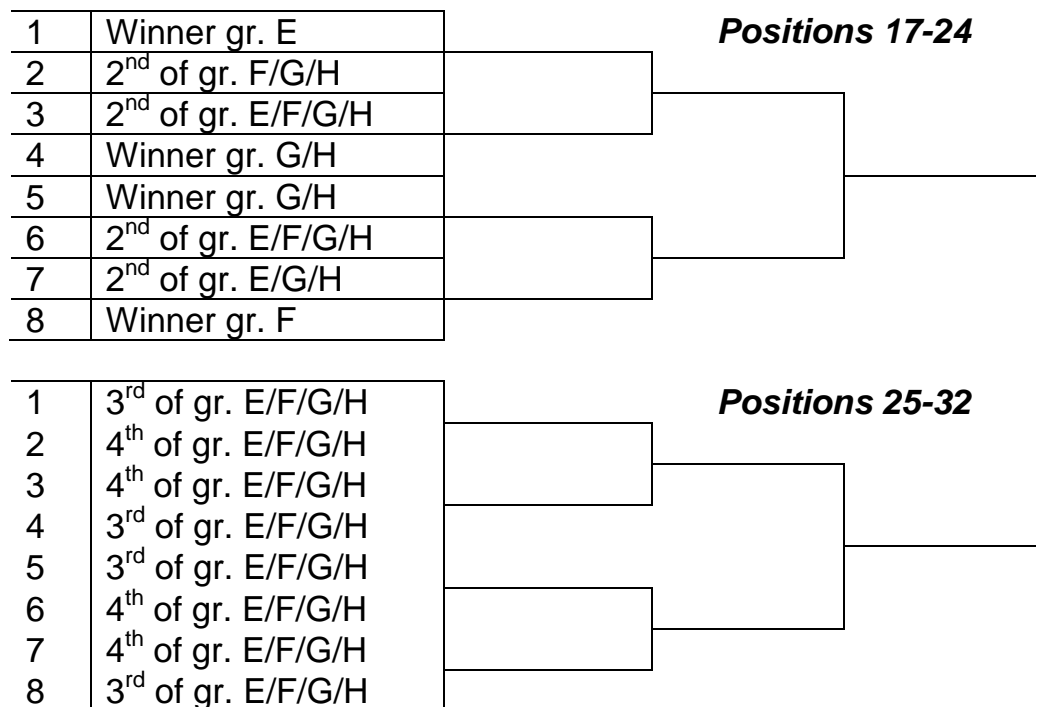




- C.11.1.4 Draw for the second stage will be conducted by the ETTU Competition Manager in close collaboration with the Referee and the Chairmen of the Technical and Ranking Committees.
- C.11.1.5 The winner of the second stage is the European Champion.
- C.11.1.6 The teams finishing in positions **15 and 16** are relegated to the Challenge Division of the next European Championships.

**C.11.2 Challenge Division:**

- C.11.2.1 The qualified teams are entitled to play for positions 17 to 32 of the Championships.
- C.11.2.2 There will be 4 groups with 4 teams each. Every group shall play a complete round robin in stage 1 (3 matches per team). The seeding list will be provided by the Ranking Committee on the basis of the final positions from the team events of the previous European Championships. The draw will be conducted by placing the top 4 teams as No. 1 in group E, F, G and H respectively, followed by drawing the remaining teams 2 by 2 according to the snake system into the 4 groups.
- C.11.2.3 In stage 2 the progressive knockout system will be used in order to determine the final position for every team. The top 2 teams from every group in stage 1 play for positions 17 to 24, teams finishing 3 and 4 play for positions 25 to 32 (see diagram, which also shows the method for seeding and drawing).  
The winner of group E goes to position 1, the winner of group F goes to position 8, the winners of group G and H shall be drawn between positions 4 and 5. The teams finishing in position 2 of the first stage groups shall be drawn by lot into the remaining places but in the opposite half to the winners of their initial groups. The teams finishing in position 3 of the first stage groups shall be drawn by lot between positions 1, 4, 5 and 8. The teams finishing in position 4 of the first stage groups shall be drawn by lot into the remaining places but in the opposite half to the teams ranked in position 3 of their initial groups.



Draw for the second stage will be conducted by the ETTU Competition Manager in close collaboration with the Referee and the Chairmen of the Technical and Ranking Committees.

- C.11.2.4 The winner of the second stage is the winner of the European Championships – Challenge Division
- C.11.2.5 The teams finishing in positions **17 and 18** are promoted to the Championships Division of the next European Championships.
- C.11.2.6 The teams finishing in positions **31 and 32** are relegated to the Standard Division of the next European Championships.

### C.11.3 Standard Division

- C.11.3.1 The qualified teams are entitled to play for the remaining places in the Championships.
- C.11.3.2 Depending on the number of entries the playing format will be developed by the ETTU Executive Board.
- C.11.3.3 Seeding and drawing for both stages will be conducted by using the same principles as for the Championships and Challenge Divisions.
- C.11.3.4 The winner of the draw is the winner of the European Championships – Standard Division.
- C.11.3.5 The teams finishing in positions 33 and 34 are promoted to the Challenge Division of the next European Championships.

#### **C.11.4 Match Procedure**

- C.11.4.1 A men's or women's team shall consist of 3 or 4 players.
- C.11.4.2 Each team shall appoint a playing or non-playing captain and he, or a responsible deputy, shall be present throughout a match.
- C.11.4.3 A match shall consist of up to 5 singles and shall be played on 1 table.
- C.11.4.4 One team is considered to be composed of the players A1, A2, A3, and the other team is considered to be composed of the players B1, B2, B3.  
The order of play in a team match shall be A1 v B2, A2 v B1, A3 v B3, A1 v B1, A2 v B2, and the match shall end when a team has won 3 singles, each the best of 5 games.
- C.11.4.5 Before the match the captains shall decide by lot the right to choose A1-A2-A3 or B1-B2-B3 and shall nominate their players to the referee or his representative, assigning a letter to each player. After the second single in a team match, player N°4 of the team may replace player A1 or A2 (for the home team) respectively player B1 or B2 (for the away team). Such a player substitution must be announced by the respective team captain to the Referee at the latest before the start of the third single match.

#### **C.11.5 Default**

- C.11.5.1 An Association whose team is entered in the draw but which fails to compete in the event without adequate justification may be subject to disciplinary action by the ETTU Executive Board.
- C.11.5.2 A team may begin, continue and complete a team match only with a full complement of players, except that the Referee may, at his discretion, allow a team to play with one player absent or an individual match to be omitted from the sequence where he is satisfied that the absence is due to accident, illness, injury or other circumstances outside the control of the player or the Association concerned, including disqualification by the Referee in accordance with his authority.
- C.11.5.3 An Association whose team begins to play in the team event but which fails to complete its schedule of matches shall be liable to forfeit its entitlement to hospitality for its representatives at the Championships; appeal against such forfeit may be made to the Jury, whose decision shall be final.

#### **C.11.7. Host Association**

- In case a team of the Host Association does not qualify for the Championships Division of the competition proper, it shall replace the last team originally qualified according to following procedure:
- the host Association's team will eventually not be relegated from the Championships Division, but will stay in this Division;

- the host Association's team will eventually be promoted from the Challenge Division to the Championships Division;
- the host Association's team will eventually be promoted from the Standard Division to the Challenge Division;

If this situation arises, only one team will be promoted, either from the Challenge Division to the Championships Division or from the Standard Division to the Challenge Division.

## **C.12 TROPHIES AND AWARDS**

- C.12.1 Trophies for the winners of team events shall be presented, as follows:
  - C.12.1.1 Men's Team
  - C.12.1.2 Women's Team
- C.12.2 The organising Association shall provide new trophies for each Championship.
- C.12.3 Trophy, medals and plaques shall be presented by representatives of the ETTU and of the organising Association to the members including non-playing captains, of teams finishing 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> in team events Championships Division, to the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in team events Challenge- and Standard Divisions.

## **C.13 FLAGS AND ANTHEMS**

- C.13.1 At award ceremonies the national flags of winners, runners-up and losing semi-finalists of team events shall be raised and the national anthems of the winners of those events in Championships divisions shall be played.

## **C.14 REFEREES AND UMPIRES**

- C.14.1 Latest 6 months before the event, the ETTU Umpires and Referees Committee shall send to the General Secretary for the Executive Board's approval the proposal for appointing a Referee and, latest 4 months before, for one or more Deputy Referees. All these officials shall be International Referees from an ETTU member Association. If available at least one member of the referee team shall be from the Organising Association. All referees shall arrive at the venue two days before the start of the event.
- C.14.2 All umpires shall be International Umpires. At least 1/3 of the total of umpires needed shall be from foreign ETTU Member Associations. Not later than 5 months before the event, the ETTU Umpires and Referees Committee, after coordination with the Organising Association, will post a public call for umpires interested to officiate at the event onto the ETTU homepage, and will send respective invitations to all European Associations. Together with the Organising Association, the ETTU Umpires and Referees Committee will set up a list of the appointed number of umpires; such decisions of the ETTU URC are final. No later than three months before the event, the ETTU shall inform the associations about the selections and post the list onto the ETTU URC homepage. For all matches during the Championships the umpires shall be from Associations other than those of the players in the match.

C.14.3 All invited foreign officials shall receive from the Organising Association a daily allowance equivalent to 15 €.

**C.15 PROGRAMME**

The official programme shall specify that the championships are held under the auspices of the ETTU and shall include, on an early page, the names of all Executive Board members.

**C.16 FACILITIES**

C.16.1 The organising Association shall ensure free access to any part of the playing hall for all persons mentioned in C.8.3.1 and shall provide them with preferential seats throughout the championships.

C.16.2 During the period of the championships the organising Association shall make available to the ETTU rooms and facilities for the General Meeting and committee meetings.

C.16.3 During the Championships an area with seats shall be specifically allocated to team doctors and/or physiotherapists close to the playing area.

C.16.4 The organiser shall provide to the medical teams one or several safety lockers in the sport hall.

**C.17 ELECTRONIC TOURNAMENT SYSTEM**

C.17.1 ETTU approved electronic tournament system MUST be used in all European Championships.

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## **D EUROPEAN YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS**

### **D.1 AUTHORITY FOR ORGANISATION**

- D.1.1 The championships shall consist of events for juniors and for cadets; they shall be organised by **one** member Association appointed by the ETTU.
- D.1.2 Application procedure and decision
- D.1.2.1 Any Association wishing to organise the championships shall send a written application to the General Secretary.
- D.1.2.2 The following conditions have to be acknowledged:
- The closing date for applications shall be specified by the Executive Board and notified to all Associations.
  - Applications must be in line with the relevant Regulations, Directives as well as the Technical and Economic Directives.
  - All details of organisation must be included in the presentation of the venue to the Executive Board, on the basis of the directives for presentations.
- D.1.2.3 The Regulations, the Technical and Economic Directives and the directives for presentations can be obtained from the General Secretary, who will also set the date for the presentations.
- D.1.2.4 The Executive Board, together with the chairman of the Youth Committee, shall appoint the organising Association, after the evaluation of the presentations held by the applicants.
- D.1.2.5 The championships shall be organised according to the provisions of a contract between ETTU and the Host Association to be signed no later than or 18 months before the start of the event.

### **D.2 RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS**

- D.2.1 All international TV, Internet, equipment, advertising and marketing rights are vested in the ETTU. The exact distribution of responsibilities in these sectors shall be stated in the Technical and Economic Directives and finally laid down in the contract between ETTU and the organiser.
- D.2.2 All gate receipts belong to the Host Association.

### **D.3 QUALIFICATION**

- D.3.1 The championships shall be open for entry to all member Associations whose subscriptions are not in arrears.
- D.3.2 All players must be eligible to represent their Associations in accordance with the provisions of article B.10.
- D.3.3 Junior players shall be under 18 years of age and cadet players shall be under 15 years of age on 31<sup>st</sup> December immediately before the start of the year in which the championships will take place.
- D.3.4 A cadet who competes in a junior event may not compete in the corresponding cadet event.

**D.4 DATE and DURATION**

- D.4.1 The championships shall be held every year during the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of July over a period of 10 days, including – if possible - a rest day.
- D.4.2 The organising Association shall submit an outline playing schedule to the Chairman of the Youth Committee for approval.

**D.5 EVENTS**

- D.5.1 The championships shall include boys' team, girls' team, boys' singles, girls' singles, boys' doubles, girls' doubles and mixed doubles events for juniors and cadets.
- D.5.2 There shall be also consolation events for players defeated in the qualifying stages and in the first round of the singles events.
- D.5.3 The final ranking of the junior boy's and girl's team events determines the qualification for the same year's World Junior Championships.

**D.6 ENTRY FEE and LEVIES**

- D.6.1 The entry fee paid to the organising Association shall be 40 € for each participating Association and there shall be a levy of 125 € on each Association participating in a junior team event, payable to the ETTU.
- D.6.2 The relevant entry fee must be paid to the Organising Committee together with the submission of entries to the European Youth Championships. Otherwise, the entries will not be accepted.  
All teams that fail to arrive at the European Youth Championships without notification in writing to the Organisers and the ETTU prior to the team draw will be fined by the ETTU General Secretary with an amount of up to 5,000 € and entry into next European Youth Championships will only be accepted if payment of entry fees and hospitality charges are made in full to the organisers at the same time as the entry form.
- D.6.3 The entry fees and levies as well as other pre-payment will not be refunded if an Association fails to arrive to the European Youth Championships.

**D.7 ENTRIES**

**D.7.1 Numbers**

- D.7.1.1 An Association may enter only 1 team in each team event.
- D.7.1.2 The organising Association shall be entitled to enter up to 20 players, consisting of not more than 6 junior boys, 6 junior girls, 4 cadet boys and 4 cadet girls, but may not enter more than 5 junior boys and 5 junior girls for the team events.
- D.7.1.3 Each other Association shall be entitled to enter up to 18 players, consisting of not more than 5 junior boys, 5 junior girls, 4 cadet boys and 4 cadet girls.  
A cadet player is allowed to complete a junior team and complete an incomplete junior double, but is not allowed to participate in the junior singles. In any case the total number of cadet boys or cadet girls players entered shall not exceed four (4).



## **D.7.2 Entry Forms**

- D.7.2.1 Entry forms shall be agreed in consultation with the General Secretary and shall include a statement, to be signed by an official of the nominating Association on behalf of its players and captains, that they understand and accept the conditions of the championships and that they are prepared to compete against all other teams and individuals participating.
- D.7.2.2 Entry forms shall be sent by the organising Association to all member Associations not later than 3 months before the start of the championships.
- D.7.2.3 Completed entry forms shall be sent to the ETTU Secretariat not later than two months before the start of the championships.
- D.7.2.4 The General Secretary will accept only entry forms which are received properly signed by a representative of the nominating Association, on or before the closing date; in no circumstances ETTU may accept entries other than formal nominations by an eligible Association.

## **D.7.3 Modification**

- D.7.3.1 The General Secretary may accept alterations of names only, if notified by a representative of the nominating Association and only up to the deadline fixed in the prospectus, with the possibility to complete, up to the first jury meeting, the team in case of illness or injury.
- D.7.3.2 After the draw for the team event, the General Secretary may accept replacement(s) of players in a team only if the total number of ranking points of the 3 (for junior teams) or 2 (for cadet teams) highest ranked players per team in the current ranking will not bring the team to a higher position after the replacement(s), than the position of this team that had been taken into account for the draw.
- D.7.3.3 A player included in a team or individual event may be allowed to pair with the partner of an absent, ill or injured player in a doubles event, provided he is not already entered in that event with a partner who is present and fit to play.

## **D.8 HOSPITALITY**

- D.8.1 The organising Association shall provide 50% of the cost of hospitality (on the bases of the price for a double room) from the evening before the championships begin until the morning after they end for
  - D.8.1.1 up to 6 players of an Association entering at least 2 junior teams or 1 junior team and 2 cadet teams;
  - D.8.1.2 up to 5 players of an Association entering 1 junior team and 1 cadet team;
  - D.8.1.3 up to 4 players of an Association entering 2 cadet teams;
  - D.8.1.4 up to 3 players of an Association entering 1 junior team;
  - D.8.1.5 up to 2 players of an Association entering only 1 cadet team or only individual players;

- D.8.1.6 up to 2 officials of an Association entering 4 teams;
- D.8.1.7 1 official of any other Association entering teams or players.

**D.8.1.8 Cancellation fees**

- D.8.1.8.1 An Association cancelling a person of their announced delegation after the deadline of the final entries up to 10 days before the Championships starts has to pay a cancellation fee of 100 € per person.
  - D.8.1.8.2 An Association cancelling a person of their announced delegation during the last 10 days before the championships or arriving with less persons than announced, has to pay 50 % of the hospitality costs for every missing person and for the whole period this (these) person(s) was (were) initially nominated.
- D.8.2 The organising Association shall provide free hospitality from the evening before the championships begin until the morning after they end for
- D.8.2.1 the Executive Board members, the Press and the Medical Officials or their deputies, the Chairmen of the Youth, Ranking and Teaching and Training Committees, up to 4 Youth Committee members and three ETTU staff members;
  - D.8.2.2 all invited foreign umpires;
  - D.8.2.3 the organising Association shall provide free hospitality from the evening two days before the championships begin until the morning after they end for all foreign referees;
  - D.8.2.4 the participating Associations have to use the accommodation provided by the organiser. The hospitality costs include accommodation in a high level hotel (checked by ETTU), all meals of a high quality, transport from the airport/railway station to the hotel and venue, the shuttle bus transportation during the competition hall/hotel, the accreditation to the competition with guaranteed seats for the final matches.
- D.8.3 The organising Association shall provide free hospitality and reimburse the travel costs for the Chairman of the Youth Committee and the representative of the Executive Committee when they inspect the facilities and proposed playing conditions of the championships and of the Chairman of the Youth Committee or his representative when he conducts the draw for team events.
- D.8.4 The cost of hospitality for persons not entitled to free hospitality shall be agreed at least one year in advance by the Executive Board.

**D.9 THE DRAW**

- D.9.1 The draw for team events shall take place at least 30 days before the start of the championships and its outcome shall be circulated to all participants not later than 10 days after it has taken place.
- D.9.2 For team events and individual events, no entry will be accepted after the dead-line fixed in the prospectus.

- D.9.3 All teams that did not inform the Organising Committee of their exact arrival time (in case of air or train) or expected arrival time in case of road transportation will be automatically removed 12 hours before the Jury Meeting.
- D.9.4 The draw for individual events shall take place during the team events.
- D.9.5 Representatives of Associations participating shall be entitled to attend the draw, which shall be conducted by the Chairman of the Youth Committee.
- D.9.6 Seeding for team events and individual events shall be based upon the additional regulations in Annex 1.
- D.9.7 The official ETTU computer software must be used.

**D.10 JURY**

- D.10.1 The Jury shall consist of the Chairman or a member of the Youth Committee, the Chairman or a member of the Ranking Committee, a representative of the organising Association and the Referee or his deputy.
- D.10.2 The chairman of the Jury shall be the Chairman or a member of the Youth Committee.
- D.10.3 All members of the Jury shall have the right to speak and to vote.
- D.10.4 The Jury shall meet on the eve of the championships and at any other time when necessary.

**D.11 TEAM EVENTS**

**D.11.1 System of Play**

- D.11.1.1 Team events shall be played in several stages. The first stage shall be played in groups and the following stages either in groups, or in “progressive K.O.”, or in play-off matches. All teams taking part in the Championships shall have the possibility to win the title of European Champion.
- D.11.1.2 In the first stage the teams shall be divided into 2 levels and assigned to groups according to their final positions after the previous Championships. Teams that did not take part in the previous Championships shall be classified according to the principles proposed by the Ranking Committee and approved by the Executive Committee.
- D.11.1.3 Allocation of match points and ranking order in groups**
- D.11.1.3.1 In a group, 2 match points shall be awarded for a win, 1 for a loss in a played match and 0 for a loss in a not played or unfinished match, and the ranking order shall be determined primarily by the numbers of match points gained.
- D.11.1.3.2 Where 2 or more teams in a group have gained the same number of match points, their relative positions shall be determined by the results only of matches between them, taking successively the numbers of match points and the ratios of wins to losses in individual matches, games and points, as far as is necessary to determine the order.
- D.11.1.3.3 If after any step the positions of one or more teams have been determined while others are still equal, the results of matches in which those teams took part shall be excluded

from any further calculations needed to resolve the equalities in accordance with the procedure of D.10.1.3.1 and D.10.1.3.2.

D.11.1.3.4 Where 2 or more teams have gained the same number of match points and have the same ratios of wins to losses in individual matches, games and points, their relative positions shall be decided by lot.

D.11.1.4 Details of the playing system and seeding for team and individual events are described in Annex 2.

### **D.11.2 Junior Boys' and Junior Girls' Teams**

D.11.2.1 A junior team shall consist of 3 players.

D.11.2.2 Each team shall appoint a non-playing captain and he, or a responsible deputy, shall be present throughout the match.

D.11.2.3 A match shall consist of up to 5 singles and shall be played on 1 table.

D.11.2.4 Before the match the captains shall decide by lot the right to choose A,B,C or X,Y,Z and shall nominate their singles players to the Referee or his representative, assigning a letter to each player.

D.11.2.5 The order of play shall be A v X, B v Y, C v Z, A v Y, B v X and the match shall end when a team has won 3 individual matches, each the best of 5 games.

### **D.10.3 Cadet Teams**

D.11.3.1 A cadet team shall consist of 2, 3 or 4 players.

D.11.3.2 Each team shall appoint a non-playing captain and he, or a responsible deputy, shall be present throughout the match.

D.11.3.3 Before the match the captains shall decide by lot the right to choose A,B or X,Y and shall nominate their singles players to the Referee or his representative, assigning a letter to each player; a captain need not name his doubles pair until the completion of the first 2 singles matches..

D.11.3.4 The order of play shall be A v X, B v Y, the doubles, A v Y, B v X and the match shall end when a team has won 3 individual matches, each the best of 5 games.

D.11.3.5 A player who is required to play in successive matches is entitled to an interval of up to 5 minutes between these matches.

### **D.11.4 Default**

D.11.4.1 An Association whose team is entered in the draw but which fails to compete in the event without adequate justification may be subject to disciplinary action, imposed by the General Secretary.

D.11.4.2 A team may begin, continue and complete a team match only with a full complement of players, except that the referee may, at his discretion, allow a team to play with one player absent or an individual match to be omitted from the sequence where he is satisfied that the absence is due to accident, illness, injury or other circumstances outside the control of the player or the Association

concerned, including disqualification by the referee in accordance with his authority.

- D.11.4.3 An Association whose team begins to play in the event but which fails to complete its schedule of matches shall be liable to forfeit its entitlement to hospitality for its representatives at the championships; appeal against such forfeit may be made to the Jury, whose decision shall be final.

## **D.12 INDIVIDUAL EVENTS**

- D.12.1 Individual events shall be played on a knockout basis, with matches determined in the singles events by the best of 7 games and in the doubles events by the best of 5 games.

## **D.13 TROPHIES AND AWARDS**

- D.13.1 Plaques shall be presented to the winners of team and individual events by representatives of the Associations, which donated the challenge trophies, as follows:

D.13.1.1	Junior Boys' Team	Germany
D.13.1.2	Junior Girls' Team	France
D.13.1.3	Junior Boys' Singles	Hungary
D.13.1.4	Junior Girls' Singles	Romania
D.13.1.5	Junior Boys' Doubles	Austria
D.13.1.6	Junior Girls' Doubles	Netherlands
D.13.1.7	Junior Mixed Doubles	Czech Republic or Slovakia
D.13.1.8	Cadet Boys' Team	Spain
D.13.1.9	Cadet Girls' Team	Wales
D.13.1.10	Cadet Boys' Singles	Italy
D.13.1.11	Cadet Girls' Singles	Switzerland
D.13.1.12	Cadet Boys' Doubles	Sweden
D.13.1.13	Cadet Girls' Doubles	Belgium
D.13.1.14	Cadet Mixed Doubles	Greece

- D.13.2 In addition, medals shall be presented to all members, including non-playing captains, of teams placed 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> in team events and to winners, runners-up and losing semi-finalists of individual events.

- D.13.3 There shall be no plaques, medals or presentations for consolation events.

## **D.14 FLAGS and ANTHEMS**

- D.14.1 At award ceremonies for both, team and individual events, the national flags of winners, runners-up and losing semi-finalists shall be raised and the national anthems of winners shall be played.

## **D.15 REFEREES and UMPIRES**

- D.15.1 Latest 6 months before the event, the ETTU Umpires and Referees Committee shall send to the Secretary General for the Executive Board's approval the proposal for appointing a Referee and, latest 4 months before, for one or more Deputy Referees. All these officials shall be International Referees from an ETTU Member Association; if

available at least one member of the referee team shall be from the Organising Association. All referees shall arrive at the venue two days before the start of the event.

D.15.2 All umpires shall be International Umpires. At least 1/3 of the total of umpires needed shall be from foreign ETTU Member Associations. Not later than 5 months before the event, the ETTU Umpires and Referees Committee, after coordination with the Organising Association, will post a public call for umpires interested to officiate at the event onto the ETTU home page, and will send respective invitations to all European Associations. Together with the Organising Association, the ETTU Umpires and Referees Committee will set up a list of the appointed number of umpires; such decisions of the ETTU URC are final. No later than three months before the event, the ETTU shall inform the associations about the selections and post the list onto the ETTU URC homepage.

For all matches during the Championships the umpires shall be from Associations other than those of the players in the match.

D.15.3 All invited foreign officials shall receive a daily allowance equivalent to 15 €.

## **D.16 PROGRAMME**

D.16.1 The official programme shall specify that the championships are held under the auspices of the ETTU and shall include, on an early page, the names of all Executive Committee members.

## **D.17 FACILITIES**

D.17.1 The organising Association shall ensure free access to any part of the playing hall for all persons mentioned in D.7.2.1, D.7.2.2 and D.7.2.3 and shall provide them with preferential seats throughout the championships.

D.17.2 During the period of the championships the organising Association shall make available to the ETTU rooms and facilities for committee meetings.

D.17.3 During the Championships an area with seats shall be specifically allocated to team doctors and/or physiotherapists close to the playing area.

D.17.4 The organiser shall provide to the medical teams one or several safety lockers in the sport hall.

## **D.18 TITLE SPONSORING**

D.17.1 If a title sponsor has been appointed for the championships, the Associations shall use the correct denomination in all publications under their responsibility concerning the event.

An Association failing to use the correct event denomination shall be fined by the ETTU General Secretary and made responsible for the payment of all undisputed damages claimed by the title sponsor.

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## **D EUROPEAN YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS**

### **1. Junior Categories:**

- 1.1 Seeding for junior team events shall be based on the World Rankings for juniors and in addition on the total number of ranking points for the 3 highest ranked players per team.
- 1.2 Seeding for the individual events of the junior categories shall be based on the current World Rankings for juniors.
- 1.3 For the seeding of doubles pairs, additional points may be given to players or pairs with good results in doubles during the current season.

### **2. Cadet Categories:**

- 2.1 Seeding for cadet team events shall be based on the modified European Cadet Ranking (ECR) system and in addition on the total number of ranking points for the 2 highest ranked players per team in this Ranking (at the time of the draw). In case the ranking of a strong cadet player is clearly different in the ECR and in the WR, the Ranking Committee may change the position of this player accordingly on the seeding lists.
- 2.2 The seeding from 1 to 16 in the singles events shall be based on the current WR and for the other seeded players in the singles on the current ECR. If one or more players from the top 16 on the current WR will not participate in the EYC, the seeding from 1 to 16 in the singles will be completed according to the current WR. The seeding for the doubles shall be based on the current ECR. The Ranking Committee may change the position of a player in case a clear difference in the ECR and in the WR.
- 2.3 For the seeding of doubles pairs, additional points may be given to players or pairs with good results in doubles during the current season.

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## **PLAYING SYSTEM FOR THE TEAM EVENTS**

### **THE TOTAL NUMBER OF TEAMS ENTERED IS HIGHER THAN 36**

**STAGE I:** The teams are divided in 2 levels:

**LEVEL 1:** 16 teams: 4 groups [A,B,C,D] of 4 teams. **The top 15 teams of the final ranking of the previous Championships and the teams having finished in position 17 (i.e. the winner of Stage III, Level 2).**

**LEVEL 2:** The remaining teams: 6 groups [E,F,G,H,I,J] of 3, 4 or 5 teams, depending on the number of entries. **The team having finished 16, 18 or lower in the final ranking of the previous Championships and all teams not having participated in the previous Championships.**

**STAGE II: Play off matches:**

1. 2 play off matches between the 3rds of the STAGE 1/LEVEL 1 groups, play-off matches of which the winners play in STAGE II/LEVEL 1 and the losers play a second play-off match against the winners of the STAGE I/LEVEL 2 Groups.
2. 6 play-off matches between the winners of the STAGE 1/LEVEL 2 Groups, and the 4ths of the STAGE 1/LEVEL 1 Groups and the 3rds of STAGE 1/LEVEL 1 Groups who lost the first play-off matches mentioned in point 1.

**STAGE III:**

**LEVEL 1: Final places 1 to 16**

Progressive K.O. format for 16 teams being

- the first 2 of each of the 4 STAGE 1/LEVEL 1 groups 8
- the winners of the 2 play-offs matches between the 3rds of the STAGE LEVEL 1 groups 2
- the winners of the 6 play-off matches Nr 2 6

The team finishing in position 16 is relegated to Level 2 in Stage 1 of the **following** Championships.

**LEVEL 2: Final places 17 to 28**

4 groups [K,L,M,N] of 3 teams and afterwards 2 Finals and Finals between the first, second and third of each group

- the losers of the 6 play-off matches Nr 2 6
- the 2nds of the 6 STAGE 1/LEVEL 2 groups 6

The team finishing in position 17 is promoted to Level 1 in Stage 1 of the **following** Championships.

**LEVEL 3: Final places 29 to xxx**

- the 3rds and 4ths of the 6 STAGE 1/LEVEL 2 groups

**With 37 entries:** 3 groups [O,P,Q] of 3 and afterwards 3 new groups [R,S, T] of 3 with the 1sts, 2nds and 3rds of the first groups of 3

**With 38 entries:** 2 groups of 3 and 1 of 4 [O,P,Q] and afterwards 3 new groups [R,S,T] of 3 with the 1sts, 2nds and 3rds of the first groups of 3

**With 39 entries:** 1 groups of 3 and 2 of 4 [O,P,Q] and afterwards 3 new groups [R,S,T] of 3 with the 1sts, 2nds and 3rds of the first groups of 3 and a final match between the two 4ths of first groups of 4

**With 40 entries:** 4 groups of 3 [O,P,Q,R] and afterwards □ Finals and Finals between the 1sts, 2nds and 3rds of the first groups of 3.



## DRAWS - MORE THAN 36 TEAMS

### STAGE I:

Seeding for junior team events shall be based on the World Rankings for juniors and in addition on the total number of ranking points for the 3 highest ranked players per team.

Seeding for cadet team events shall be based on the modified European Cadet Ranking (ECR) system and in addition on the total number of ranking points for the 2 highest ranked players per team in this Ranking (at the time of the draw). In case the ranking of a strong cadet player is clearly different in the ECR and in the WR, the Ranking Committee may change the position of this player accordingly on the seeding lists.

#### LEVEL 1:

- The teams ranked 1, 2, 3 and 4 shall be placed in descending ranking order respectively at the top of Groups A, B, C and D.
- The teams ranked 5 and 6 shall be drawn among Groups C and D.
- The teams ranked 7 and 8 shall be drawn among Groups A and B.
- The teams ranked 9 and 12 shall be drawn among the 4 groups.
- Finally the teams ranked 13, 14, 15 and 16 shall be drawn among the 4 groups.

#### LEVEL 2:

- The teams ranked 17 to 22 shall be placed in descending ranking order respectively at the top of Groups E, F, G, H, I and J.
- The remaining teams shall be drawn 2 by 2 among the 6 groups taking into account the “snake system” rule.
- **If the number of teams is not a multiple of 6 the last remaining teams shall be drawn among the groups taking into account the “snake system” rule.**

### STAGE II:

- For the play-off matches Nr 1, there shall be a free draw among the 4 teams having finished 3rd in the STAGE 1/LEVEL 1 groups.

For the play-off matches Nr 2

- the losers of play-off matches Nr 1 shall be drawn each against the winner of one of the groups G, H, I or J.
- the 4ths of the STAGE 1/LEVEL 1 matches shall be drawn each against a winner of one of the remaining STAGE 1/LEVEL 2 Groups

### STAGE III:

#### LEVEL 1:

- A1 shall be placed in position 1.
- B1 shall be placed in position 16.
- C1 and D1 shall be drawn among positions 8 or 9.
- A2, B2, C2 and D2 shall be drawn among position 4, 5, 12 or 13, but in the opposite half of the first team of their initial group.
- The 2 winners of the STAGE II play-off matches Nr. 1 shall be drawn among positions 3, 6, 11, or 14, but in another quarter than the first two of their initial group.
- The 6 winners of the play-off matches Nr 2 shall be drawn among the remaining places, starting with the teams who played in LEVEL 1 in STAGE 1, which teams shall be drawn in a quarter not containing already a team of their initial group. Furthermore when one of those teams is a loser of one of the play-off matches Nr. 1, it shall be drawn as far as possible from the winner of that match.

#### LEVEL 2:

The 6 losers of the play-off matches Nr 2 shall be drawn freely among the groups K, L, M and N (not more than 2 in a same group)

The 2nds of the STAGE 1/LEVEL 2 Groups shall be drawn freely among the remaining places, **but not in a group containing already a team of their initial group.**

**After the groups K,L,M and N are finished, the teams of Group K play against those of Group L and the teams of Group M play against those of Group N.**

#### LEVEL 3:

The 3rds of the 6 STAGE 1/LEVEL 1 groups shall be drawn among the Groups O, P and Q (2 in each group) *(Or with 40 or more teams among the groups O, P, Q and R).*

The 4ths of the 6 STAGE 1/LEVEL 1 groups shall be drawn in the remaining places, **but not in a group containing already a team of their initial group.**

**After the groups**, with 40 or more teams, the teams of Group O play against those of Group P and those of Group Q against those of Group R.

## THE TOTAL NUMBER OF TEAMS ENTERED IS 36 OR LOWER

### STAGE I:

**LEVEL 1:** Same system as in the chapter “THE TOTAL NUMBER OF TEAMS ENTERED IS HIGHER THAN 36”.

**LEVEL 2:** The remaining teams.

4 groups [E,F,G,H] of 3, 4 or 5 teams, depending on the number of entries. **The team having finished 16, 18 or lower in the final ranking of the previous Championships and all teams not having participated in the previous Championships.**

### **STAGE II: Play-off matches**

1. 4 play-off matches between the teams finishing 3rd in the STAGE I/LEVEL 1 groups and the teams finishing 2nd in the STAGE I/LEVEL 2 groups 4
2. 4 play-off matches between the teams finishing 4th in the STAGE I/LEVEL 1 groups and the teams finishing 1st in the STAGE I/LEVEL 2 groups 4

### STAGE III:

#### **LEVEL 1: Final places 1 to 16**

Progressive K.O. format for 16 teams, being

- the first 2 of each of the 4 STAGE I/LEVEL 1 groups 8
- the winners of the 4 play-off matches between the 3rds of the STAGE I/LEVEL 1 groups and the 2nds of the STAGE I/LEVEL 2 groups 4
- the winners of the 4 play-off matches between the 4ths of the STAGE I/LEVEL 1 Groups and the 1sts of the STAGE I/LEVEL 2 Groups 4

The team finishing in position 16 is relegated to Level 2 in Stage 1 of the following Championships.

#### **LEVEL 2: Final places 17 to 24**

Progressive K.O. format for 8 teams, being

- the losers of the 4 play-off matches between the 3rds of the STAGE I/LEVEL 1 groups and the 2nds of the STAGE I/LEVEL 2 groups 4
- the losers of the 4 play-off matches between the 4ths of the STAGE I/LEVEL 1 groups and the 1sts of the STAGE I/LEVEL 2 groups 4

The team finishing in position 17 is promoted to Level 1 in Stage I of the following Championships.

#### **LEVEL 3: Final places 25 to xxx**

- the 3rds, 4ths and 5ths of the STAGE I/LEVEL 2 groups

**With 36 entries:** 4 groups of 3 [O,P,Q,R] and afterwards 2 Finals and Finals between the 1sts, the 2nds and the 3rds of the first groups

**With 35 entries:** 3 groups of 3 and 1 group of 2 [O,P,Q,R] and afterwards 2 Finals and Finals between the 1sts, 2nds and 3rds of the first groups.

**With 34 entries:** 2 groups of 5 [O,P] and afterwards Finals between the 1sts, 2nds, 3rds, 4ths and 5ths of the 2 first groups.

**With 33 entries:** 1 group of 5 and 1 group of 4 [O,P] and afterwards Finals between the 1sts, 2nds, 3rds and 4ths of the first two groups

**With 32 entries:** 2 groups of 4 [O,P] and afterwards Finals between the 1sts, 2nds, 3rds and 4ths of the first two groups

**With 31 entries:** 1 group of 4 and 1 group of 3 [O,P] and afterwards Finals between the 1sts, 2nds and 3rds of the first two groups

**With 30 entries:** 1 group of 6 teams [O]

**With 29 entries:** 1 group of 5 teams [O]

**With 28 entries:** 1 group of 4 teams [O]

## DRAWS - 36 TEAMS OR LESS

### Stage I

Seeding for junior team events shall be based on the World Rankings for juniors and in addition on the total number of ranking points for the 3 highest ranked players per team.

Seeding for cadet team events shall be based on the modified European Cadet Ranking (ECR) system and in addition on the total number of ranking points for the 2 highest ranked players per team in this Ranking (at the time of the draw). In case the ranking of a strong cadet player is clearly different in the ECR and in the WR, the Ranking Committee may change the position of this player accordingly on the seeding lists.

#### LEVEL 1

- The teams ranked 1, 2, 3 and 4 shall be placed in descending ranking order respectively at the top of Groups A, B, C and D.
- The teams ranked 5 and 6 shall be drawn among Groups C and D.
- The teams ranked 7 and 8 shall be drawn among Groups A and B.
- The 8 remaining teams (ranked 9 to 16) shall be drawn 4 by 4 among the 4 groups.

#### LEVEL 2

- The teams ranked 17 to 20 shall be placed in descending ranking order respectively at the top of Groups E, F, G and H.
- The remaining teams shall be drawn 4 by 4 among the 4 groups taking into account the “snake system” rule.

### STAGE II:

- For the play-off matches Nr 1, each team having finished 2nd in STAGE 1/LEVEL 2 shall be drawn against one of the teams having finished 3rd in STAGE 1/LEVEL 1.
- For the play-off matches Nr 2, each team having finished 1st in STAGE 1/LEVEL 2 shall be drawn against one of the teams having finished 4th in STAGE 1/LEVEL 1.

### STAGE III:

#### LEVEL 1

- A1 shall be placed in position 1.
- B1 shall be placed in position 16.
- C1 and D1 shall be drawn among positions 8 or 9.
- A2, B2, C2 and D2 shall be drawn among positions 4, 5, 12 or 13, but in the opposite half of the first team of their initial group.
- The winners of the STAGE II play-off matches shall be drawn among positions 2, 3, 6, 7, 10, 11, 14 or 15 but, when relevant, in another quarter than the first two of their initial group.

#### LEVEL 2

- The losers of the play off matches Nr 2 shall be drawn among positions 1, 4, 5 and 8.
- The losers of the play off matches Nr 1 shall be drawn among the remaining places, but, when relevant, in another half than the other team of their initial group.

#### LEVEL 3

- With 35 or 36 teams, the 3rds of the 4 STAGE 1/LEVEL 2 groups shall be drawn among Groups O, P, Q and R; with 31, 32, 33 or 34 teams they shall be drawn among Groups O and P.
- With 35 or 36 teams, the 4ths of the 4 STAGE 1/LEVEL 2 groups shall be drawn among Groups O, P, Q and R; with 32, 33 or 34 teams they shall be drawn among Groups O and P, **but when relevant, in another group than the other team of their initial group.**
- With 35 or 36 teams, the 5ths of the STAGE 1/LEVEL 2 groups shall be drawn among Groups O, P, Q and R; with 33 or 34 teams they shall be drawn among Groups O and P, **but when relevant, in another group than the other team of their initial group.**
- **After the group matches, when there are 4 groups** the teams of Group O play against those of Group P and those of Group Q against those of Group R.

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## **E EUROPEAN VETERANS CHAMPIONSHIPS**

### **E.1 AUTHORITY FOR ORGANISATION**

- E.1.1 The championships shall be organised by **one** member Association appointed by the ETTU.
- E.1.2 Application procedure and decision
- E.1.2.1 Any Association wishing to organise the championships shall send a written application to the General Secretary.
- E.1.2.2 The following conditions have to be acknowledged:
- The closing date for applications shall be specified by the Executive Board and notified to all Associations.
  - Applications must be in line with the relevant Regulations, Directives as well as the Technical and Economic Directives.
  - All details of organisation must be included in the presentation of the venue to the Executive Board, on the basis of the directives for presentations.
- E.1.2.3 The Regulations, the Technical and Economic Directives and the directives for presentations can be obtained from the General Secretary, who will also set the date for the presentations.
- E.1.2.4 The Executive Board, together with the chairman of the Veterans Committee, shall appoint the organising Association, after the evaluation of the presentations held by the applicants.
- E.1.2.5 The championships shall be organised according to the provisions of a contract between ETTU and the Host Association to be signed no later than or 18 months before the start of the event.

### **E.2 RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS**

- E.2.1 All international TV, Internet, equipment, advertising and marketing rights are vested in the ETTU. The exact distribution of responsibilities in these sectors shall be stated in the Technical and Economic Directives and finally laid down in the contract between ETTU and the organiser.
- E.2.2 All gate receipts belong to the Host Association.

### **E.3 ELIGIBILITY**

- E.3.1 All individuals who are over 40 years of age or who will be 40 years of age in the year of the EVC are eligible to participate.
- E.3.2 Upon request of the Organisers or the Referee participants shall present their passport/ID card as proof of age.

### **E.4 EVENTS**

- E.4.1 **Categories:**  
 40-49 years,  
 50-59 years,  
 60-64 years,  
 65-69 years,  
 70-74 years,  
 75-79 years,

80-84 years,  
85 years and over.

E.4.2 Each category will have the following events:

Men's and Women's Singles  
Men's and Women's Doubles

E.4.3 If there are less than 4 players or pairs entered in any of the events, ETTU Officials present at the event have the right to cancel the said event.

E.4.4 Every entered player is allowed to participate in one singles and one doubles event. A player must participate in her/his own age category, except in doubles if the players of a pair do not belong to the same age group, in which case they shall have to compete in the category of the younger player.

## **E.5 DATE and DURATION**

E.5.1 The championships shall be held every odd year over a period of six (6) days, including a rest day, in the time from the middle of May to the middle of July.

E.5.2 The organising Association shall submit 4 months before the Championships, an outline playing schedule to the General Secretary for approval

## **E.6 ENTRY FEES and LEVIES**

E.6.1 The entry fee shall be set in advance by the Executive Board.

E.6.2 The organising Association shall pay to the ETTU a levy of 15,000 €.

E.6.3 There shall be a levy of 15 € per participating player, payable to the ETTU.

## **E.7 ENTRIES**

### **E.7.1 Entry Forms**

E.7.1.1 The entry forms (a draft is available at the ETTU Secretariat) shall be sent by the Organising Association to all ETTU member Associations no later than 6 months before the start of the Championships, they can also be obtained at the Office of the Organising Committee and can be downloaded from the official ETTU web-site.

E.7.1.2 The entry form shall include

- name, address, phone and fax numbers and e-mail address of the Organising Committee;
- dead-line for entries six (6) weeks months before the Championships;
- reimbursement modalities of entry fees paid, in case of withdrawal
- four (4) months, two (2) months and one (1) week before the Championships;
- no refund for withdrawal during the last 8 days before the Championships;
- different accommodation possibilities.

E.7.1.3 Completed entry forms printed in block and capital letters shall be sent to the Organising Association not later than six (6) weeks before the Championships.

- E.7.1.4 3 weeks before the draw, the organising committee shall send to the General Secretary lists of all players having entered the different categories so far.
- E.7.1.5 Every entered player shall sign a statement confirming that his health condition allows him – according to the medical expert opinion – the participation in the championships and that he is participating on his own responsibility as to his health.
- E.7.1.6 Neither ETTU nor the organising Association can be made responsible for an accident, loss or any other incident which might occur.

## **E.7.2 Modification**

- E.7.2.1 The organisers may accept additional or modified entries for the singles at any time up to the date of the draw, but alterations of entries in doubles can be accepted only in case of verified absence of one of the players until 10:00 noon of the first playing day.
- E.7.2.2 A player may be allowed to pair with the partner of an absent, ill or injured player in a doubles event, provided he is not already entered in that event with a partner who is present and fit to play.

## **E.8 HOSPITALITY**

- E.8.1 The organising Association shall provide free hospitality from the evening before the championships begin until the morning after they end for
  - E.8.1.1 two representatives of the Executive Board, the Chairman and up to 3 other members of the Veterans Committee, the Chairman of the Ranking Committee or his deputy and 1 ETTU staff member. Neither one of the ETTU officials nor a member of the Organising Committee is allowed to participate in the competition.
  - E.8.1.2 all invited foreign referees and umpires.
- E.8.2 The organising Association shall provide free hospitality and reimburse the travel costs for the Chairman or a member of the Veterans Committee for the inspection of the venue as well as for one (1) organisational visit.

## **E.9 THE DRAW**

- E.9.1 The official ETTU computer software must be used.
- E.9.2 The draw for the qualifying groups shall take place at least **one week** before the start of the championships. The date must be agreed with the ETTU Secretariat.
- E.9.3 The draws for the European Championship Competitions and for the Consolation Competitions will take place in every category immediately after completion of the qualifying matches of the corresponding event in the Competition.

E.9.4 Representatives of Associations participating shall be entitled to attend the draw, which shall be conducted by the Chairman of the Veterans Committee in cooperation with the Chairman of the Ranking Committee.

E.9.5 Seeding will be made on basis of seeding lists set up in cooperation between representatives of the Ranking and Veterans Committee.

## **E.10 JURY**

E.10.1 The Jury shall consist of one of the ETTU EB representatives, the Chairman of the Veterans Committee or his deputy, the Chairman of the Ranking Committee or his deputy, a representative of the organising Association and the Referee or his deputy. No member of the Jury is entitled to participate in the competition.

E.10.2 The chairman of the Jury shall be the Chairman of the Veterans Committee. In his absence the Jury shall be lead by the ETTU EB representative.

E.10.3 All members of the Jury shall have the right to speak and to vote.

E.10.4 The Jury shall meet on the eve of the championships and at any other time when necessary.

E.10.5 Participants may attend Jury meetings dealing with alterations of the draws, however they do neither have the right to speak nor to vote.

## **E.11 SYSTEM of PLAY**

E.11.1 Each singles and doubles event shall be played in two stages.

E.11.2 In the first stage there will be qualifying groups of three (3) or four (4) players or pairs, depending of the number of entries.

E.11.3 In a group 2 match points shall be awarded for a win, 1 for a loss in a played match and 0 for a loss in a not played or unfinished match, and the ranking order shall be determined primarily by the numbers of match points gained.

E.11.4 If 2 or more participants have gained the same number of match points, their relative positions shall be determined by the results only of matches between them, taking successively the numbers of match points and the ratios of wins to losses in games and then in points, as far as it is necessary to determine the order.

E.11.5 If after any step the positions of one or more participants have been determined while others are still equal, the results of matches in which those participants took part shall be excluded from any further calculations needed to resolve the equalities in accordance with the procedure of E.10.3 and E.10.4.

E.11.6 If 2 or more participants have gained the same number of match points and have the same ratios of wins to losses in games and points, their relative positions shall be decided by lot.

E.11.7 In the second stage, players or pairs having finished first or second in their group, will qualify for the European Veterans title events. Players or pairs having finished third or fourth in their group, will be entitled to play in the corresponding consolation events. Both tournaments shall be played on a knock-out basis.

- E.11.8 Players or pairs having finished in position 2 of their initial group will be drawn in opposite half to the players having finished in position 1 of the same group; in the same way players or pairs having finished in position 3 will be drawn in the opposite half to players or pairs having finished in position 4.
- E.11.9 ITTF and ETTU rules shall be applied as far as practicable. The playing space shall not be less than 10 m long, 5 m wide and 4 m high.
- E.11.10 All matches shall be determined by the best of 5 games.
- E.11.11 Each player is entitled to a 15-minutes rest between two matches.

## **E.12 TROPHIES AND AWARDS**

- E.12.1 Medals shall be presented by representatives of the ETTU and of the organising Association to the winners, runners-up and losing semi-finalists of all events in the championships competition (title events and consolation events)
- E.12.2 A nominative diploma as well as a small gift (bag, souvenir etc) shall be given to all participants free of charge.

## **E.13 REFEREES and UMPIRES**

- E.13.1 Not later than 4 months before the event, the organising Association shall send to the General Secretary for approval of the Executive Board, a proposal for the appointment of the Referee and one or more Deputy Referees. These match officials shall be International Referees from ETTU Member Associations and at least one of them shall be from a foreign Association.
- E.13.2 The organiser will provide umpires for the European Championships Competition and the final stages of the Consolation Competition.
- E.13.3 In the qualifying groups, members of the groups who are not playing shall make themselves available as umpires.
- E.13.4 In the Consolation Competition, the loser of a match shall umpire in the next match at the table where he or she played.
- E.13.5 All invited foreign officials shall receive a daily allowance equivalent to 15 €.

## **E.13 REFEREES and UMPIRES (starting 2017)**

- E.13.1 No later than 5 months before the event, the Organising Association shall send to the ETTU Umpires and Referees Committee the proposal for appointing a Referee. No later than 4 months before the event, the ETTU Umpires and Referees Committee shall send to the Secretary General for the Executive Board's approval the proposal for appointing the Referee and one or more Deputy Referees. At least one referee must be from a foreign association. All referees shall be International Referees from ETTU Member Associations and shall arrive two days before the start of the event.
- E.13.2 The organiser will provide umpires for the European Championships Competition and the final stages of the Consolation Competition on the basis of one umpire per match. At least ¼ of the umpires needed during the final stages shall be International Umpires; the number of local and foreign umpires to be provided must be agreed beforehand by the Umpires and Referees Committee. The Organising Association



shall send the written invitation to the associations invited no later than 3 months before the event.

- E.13.3 In the qualifying groups, members of the groups who are not playing shall make themselves available as umpires.
- E.13.4 In the Consolation Competition, the loser of a match shall umpire in the next match at the table where he or she played.
- E.13.5 All invited foreign officials shall receive a daily allowance equivalent to 15 €.

**E.14 APPEALS**

- E.14.1 An appeal may be made to the Jury against a decision of the referee on a question of tournament or match conduct not covered by the Laws or Regulations. Appeals have to be made immediately after completion of the match, upon deposit of 40 € or equivalent, which will be refunded if the appeal is upheld.
- E.14.2 The decision of the Jury is final.

**E.15 PROGRAMME**

- E.15.1 The official programme shall specify that the championships are held under the auspices of the ETTU and shall include, on an early page, the names of all Executive Board members.

**E.16 FACILITIES**

- E.16.1 The organising Association shall ensure free access to any part of the playing hall for all persons mentioned in K.6.1.1.
- E.16.2 During the period of the championships the organising Association shall make available to the ETTU rooms and facilities for committee meetings.

**E.17 PLAYERS OBLIGATIONS**

- E.17.1 Each player is obliged to compete at the time and table set by the Competition schedule. The player is responsible for keeping her/himself informed when and where to play.  
Any player who fails to appear at the scheduled time will automatically lose the match, after a 5 minutes waiting period.
- E.17.2 After the end of their matches and before leaving the table players must check the results on the score sheet and sign it.
- E.17.3 During the competition, players will be required to carry their entry numbers – said entry numbers to be attached to their sports shirt on their backs whilst playing.
- E.17.4 The organisers accept that no restrictions should be made with regard to drinking “water” in the duration of a match. However, drinking water will only be specifically allowed at the same time as the “towelling down regulation”.
- E.17.5 No advertisement for alcoholic drinks and tobacco shall be worn by the players in the playing halls.

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**EUROPEAN TABLE TENNIS UNION**



**EUROPEAN VETERANS TEAM  
CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**DIRECTIVES**

## **EB EUROPEAN VETERANS TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS**

### **EB.1 AUTHORITY FOR ORGANISATION**

EB.1.1 The team championships shall be organised by one member Association appointed by the ETTU.

EB.1.2 Application procedure and decision

EB.1.2.1 Any Association wishing to organise the team championships shall send a written application to the General Secretary.

EB.1.2.2 The following conditions have to be acknowledged: - The closing date for applications shall be specified by the Executive Board and notified to all Associations. - Applications must be in line with the relevant Regulations, Directives as well as the Technical and Economic Directives. - All details of organisation must be included in the presentation of the venue to the Executive Board, on the basis of the directives for presentations.

EB.1.2.3 The Regulations, the Technical and Economic Directives and the directives for presentations can be obtained from the General Secretary, who will also set the date for the presentations. EB.1.2.4 The Executive Board, together with the chairman of the Veterans Committee, shall appoint the organising Association, after the evaluation of the presentations held by the applicants. EB.1.2.5 The championships shall be organised according to the provisions of a contract between ETTU and the Host Association to be signed no later than or 18 months before the start of the event.

### **EB.2 RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS**

EB.2.1 All international TV, Internet, equipment, advertising and marketing rights are vested in the ETTU. The exact distribution of responsibilities in these sectors shall be stated in the Technical and Economic Directives and finally laid down in the contract between ETTU and the organiser.

EB.2.2 All gate receipts belong to the Host Association.

### **EB.3 ELIGIBILITY**

EB.3.1 All individuals who are over 40 years of age or who will be 40 years of age in the year of the EVC are eligible to participate.

EB.3.2 Upon request of the Organisers or the Referee participants shall present their passport/ID card as proof of age.

### **EB.4 EVENTS**

EB.4.1 Categories: Teams 40-49 years, Teams 50-59 years, Teams 60-64 years, Teams 65-69 years, Teams 70-74 years, Teams 75-79 years, Teams 80-84 years, Teams 85 years and over.

EB.4.2 Men's Team and Women's team will be played in each category.

EB.4.3 If there are less than 4 teams entered in any of the events, ETTU Officials present at the event have the right to cancel the said event.

EB.4.4 Every team entered must participate in their own age category though a player from an older age category may participate in a younger age category.

### **EB.5 DATE and DURATION**

EB.5.1 The championships shall be held every even year over a period of six (6) days, including a rest day, in the time from the beginning to the middle of September.

EB.5.2 The organising Association in cooperation with the ETTU Competition Manager shall submit 4 months before the Championships, an outline playing schedule to the General Secretary for approval

### **EB.6 ENTRIES, ENTRY FEES and LEVIES**

#### EB.6.1 Entries and Numbers

EB.6.1.1 A Team entered shall consist of 3 players.

EB.6.1.2 These 3 nominated players shall come from the same country and shall be entered in the positions 1, 2 and 3 which will not be altered or changed throughout the Championships.

EB.6.1.3 Each team has to assign a playing captain.

EB.6.1.4 The name of the team shall include the city/town or village of the playing captain but in case there are more than 1 team from a city/town or village, a number will be assigned in order of their registration. A sponsor name may be included within the name of the team.

EB.6.1.5 Each team has the right to enter a 4<sup>th</sup> player as a reserve player who may substitute for one of the 3 nominated players (1, 2, 3) but not later than 1 hour before the official match start time. The change to the team must be announced to the ETTU Competition Manager and Referee.

#### EB.6.2 Entry Fees and Levies

EB.6.2.1 The entry fee shall be set in advance by the Executive Board.

EB.6.2.2 The organising Association shall pay to ETTU a levy of 15,000 €.

EB.6.2.3 There shall be a levy of 50 € per team, payable to the ETTU.

### **EB.7 ENTRY FORMS AND MODIFICATION**

EB.7.1 The entry forms shall be sent by the Organising Association to all ETTU member Associations no later than 6 months before the start of the Championships, they can also be obtained at the Office of the Organising Committee and can be downloaded from the official ETTU web-site.

EB.7.2 The entry form shall include - name, address, phone and fax numbers and e-mail address of the Organising Committee; - dead-line for entries six (6) months before the Championships; - reimbursement modalities of entry fees paid, in case of withdrawal - four (4) months, two (2) months and one (1) week before the Championships; - no refund for withdrawal during the last eight (8) days before the Championships; - different accommodation possibilities.

EB.7.3 Completed entry forms printed in block and capital letters shall be sent to the Organising Association not later than six (6) weeks before the Championships.

EB.7.4 Three (3) weeks before the draw, the organising committee shall send to the General Secretary lists of all teams having entered the different categories so far.

EB.7.5 Every entered team shall sign a statement confirming that the health condition of all its players allow – according to the medical expert opinion – the participation in the team championships and that they are participating on their own responsibility as to their health.

EB.7.6 Neither ETTU nor the organising Association can be made responsible for an accident, loss or any other incident which might occur.

EB.7.7 Modification - the organisers may accept additional or modified entries for the teams at any time up to the date of the draw

## **EB.8 HOSPITALITY**

EB.8.1 The organising Association shall provide free hospitality from the evening before the championships begin until the morning after they end for

EB.8.1.1 two representatives of the Executive Board, the Chairman and up to 3 other members of the Veterans Committee, the Chairman of the Ranking Committee or his deputy, the ETTU Competition Manager and 2 ETTU staff members except that the Chairman of the Veterans Committee, the Chairman of the Ranking Committee and the ETTU Competition Manager shall arrive two (2) days before the start of the championships and receive free hospitality for the additional day/night. Neither one of the ETTU officials nor a member of the Organising Committee is allowed to participate in the competition.

EB.8.1.2 all invited foreign referees and umpires.

EB.8.2 The organising Association shall provide free hospitality and reimburse the travel costs for the Competition Manager for the inspection of the venue as well as for one (1) organisational visit.

## **EB.9 THE DRAW**

EB.9.1 The organiser should use the official ETTU software and result management system.

EB.9.2 The draw for the qualifying groups shall take place at least one week before the start of the championships. The date must be agreed with the ETTU Secretariat.

EB.9.3 The draws for the European Championship Competitions and for the Consolation Competitions will take place in every category immediately after completion of the qualifying matches of the corresponding event in the Competition.

EB.9.4 Representatives of Associations participating shall be entitled to attend the draw, which shall be conducted by the ETTU Competition Manager in cooperation with the Referee, the Chairman of the Veterans Committee and the Chairman of the Ranking Committee.

EB.9.5 Seeding will be made on basis of seeding lists set up in cooperation between representatives of the Ranking and Veterans Committee.

## **EB.10 JURY**

EB.10.1 The Jury shall consist of one of the ETTU EB representatives, the Chairman of the Veterans Committee or his deputy, the Chairman of the Ranking Committee or his deputy, a representative of the organising Association and the Referee or his deputy. No member of the Jury is entitled to participate in the competition.

EB.10.2 The chairman of the Jury shall be the Chairman of the Veterans Committee. In his absence the Jury shall be led by the ETTU EB representative.

EB.10.3 All members of the Jury shall have the right to speak and to vote.

EB.10.4 The ETTU Competition Manager must attend the Jury meetings here he has a right to speak and no right to vote.

EB.10.5 The Jury shall meet on the eve of the championships and at any other time when necessary.

EB.10.6 Participants may attend Jury meetings dealing with alterations of the draws, however they do neither have the right to speak nor to vote.

## **EB.11 SYSTEM of PLAY**

EB.11.1 Each team event shall be played in two stages.

EB.11.2 In the first stage there will be qualifying groups of three (3) or four (4) teams, depending of the number of entries.

EB.11.3 In a group 3 match points shall be awarded for a 3:0 win, 2 match points for a 2:1 win, 1 match point for a 1:2 loss and 0 match point for a 0:3 loss.

EB.11.4 If 2 or more teams have gained the same number of match points, their relative positions shall be determined by the results only of matches between them, taking successively the numbers of match points and the ratios of wins to losses in games and then in points, as far as it is necessary to determine the order.

EB.11.5 If after any step the positions of one or more participants have been determined while others are still equal, the results of matches in which those participants took part shall be excluded from any further calculations needed to resolve the equalities in accordance with the procedure of EB.11.3 and EB.11.4.

EB.11.6 If 2 or more participants have gained the same number of match points and have the same ratios of wins to losses in games and points, their relative positions shall be decided by lot.

EB.11.7 In the second stage, teams having finished first or second in their group, will qualify for the European Team Veterans title events. Teams having finished third or fourth in their group, will be entitled to play in the corresponding consolation events. Both tournaments shall be played on a knock-out basis.

EB.11.8 Teams having finished in position 2 of their initial group will be drawn in opposite half to the players having finished in position 1 of the same group; in the same way teams having finished in position 3 will be drawn in the opposite half to players or pairs having finished in position 4.

EB.11.9 ITTF and ETTU rules shall be applied as far as practicable. The playing space shall not be less than 10 m long, 5 m wide and 4 m high.

EB.11.10 All matches shall be determined by the best of 5 games.

## **EB.12. MATCH PROCEDURE**

EB.12.1 A men's or women's team shall consist of 3 players.

EB.12.2 Each team shall appoint a playing captain and he, or a responsible deputy, shall be present throughout a match.

EB.12.3 A match shall consist of up to 3 singles and shall be played on 1 table.

### Qualification

EB.12.4 The order of play shall be A3 v B3, A1 v B1, A2 v B2, all 3 matches shall be completed, each the best of 5 games.

### Competition Proper

EB.12.5 The order of play shall be A1 v B2, A2 v B1, A3 v B3, A1 v B1, A2 v B2, the team match ending when a team has won three (3) individual matches, each the best of 5 games.

## **EB.13 TROPHIES AND AWARDS**

EB.13.1 Medals shall be presented by representatives of the ETTU and of the organising Association to the winners, runners-up and losing semi-finalists of all events in the championships competition (title events and consolation events)

EB.13.2 A nominative diploma as well as a small gift (bag, souvenir etc) shall be given to all participants free of charge.

**EB.14 REFEREES and UMPIRES**

EB.14.1 No later than 5 months before the event, the Organising Association shall send to the ETTU Umpires and Referees Committee the proposal for appointing a Referee. No later than 4 months before the event, the ETTU Umpires and Referees Committee shall send to the Secretary General for the Executive Board’s approval the proposal for appointing the Referee and one or more Deputy Referees. At least one referee must be from a foreign association. All referees shall be International Referees from ETTU Member Associations and shall arrive two days before the start of the event.

EB.14.2 The organiser will provide umpires for the European Championships Competition and the final stages of the Consolation Competition on the basis of one umpire per match. At least ¼ of the umpires needed during the final stages shall be International Umpires; the number of local and foreign umpires to be provided must be agreed beforehand by the Umpires and Referees Committee. The Organising Association shall send the written invitation to the associations invited no later than 3 months before the event.

EB.14.3 In the qualifying groups, members of the teams of the groups who are not playing shall make themselves available as umpires.

EB.14.4 In the Consolation Competition, the members of the teams shall make themselves available as umpires.

EB.14.5 All invited foreign officials shall receive a daily allowance equivalent to 15 €.

**EB.15 APPEALS**

EB.15.1 An appeal may be made to the Jury against a decision of the referee on a question of tournament or match conduct not covered by the Laws or Regulations. Appeals have to be made immediately after completion of the match, upon deposit of 40 € or equivalent, which will be refunded if the appeal is upheld.

EB.15.2 The decision of the Jury is final.

**EB.16 PROGRAMME**

EB.16.1 The official programme shall specify that the championships are held under the auspices of the ETTU and shall include, on an early page, the names of all Executive Board members.

**EB.17 FACILITIES**

EB.17.1 The organising Association shall ensure free access to any part of the playing hall for all persons mentioned in EB.6.1.1.

EB.17.2 During the period of the championships the organising Association shall make available to the ETTU rooms and facilities for committee meetings.

**EB.18 PLAYERS OBLIGATIONS**

EB.18.1 Each team is obliged to compete at the time and table set by the Competition schedule. The team is responsible for keeping itself informed when and where to play. Any team who fails to appear at the scheduled time will automatically lose the match, after a 5 minutes waiting period.



EB.18.2 After the end of their matches and before leaving the table the team captains must check the results on the score sheet and sign it.

EB.18.3 During the competition, players will be required to carry their entry numbers – said entry numbers to be attached to their sports shirt on their backs whilst playing.

EB.18.4 The organisers accept that no restrictions should be made with regard to drinking “water” in the duration of a match. However, drinking water will only be specifically allowed at the same time as the “towelling down regulation”.

EB.18.5 No advertisement for alcoholic drinks and tobacco shall be worn by the players in the playing halls.

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## **G OLYMPIC QUALIFYING TOURNAMENTS**

### **G.1 AUTHORITY FOR ORGANISATION**

- G.1.1 The tournament – women's and men's singles only - shall be organised by **one** member Association appointed by the ETTU.
- G.1.2 Application procedure and decision
- G.1.2.1 Any Association wishing to organise the championships shall send a written application to the General Secretary.
- G.1.2.2 The following conditions have to be acknowledged:
- The closing date for applications shall be specified by the Executive Board and notified to all Associations.
  - Applications must be in line with the relevant Regulations, Directives as well as the Technical and Economic Directives.
  - All details of organisation must be included in the presentation of the venue to the Executive Board, on the basis of the directives for presentations.
- G.1.2.3 The Regulations, the Technical and Economic Directives and the directives for presentations can be obtained from the General Secretary, who will also set the date for the presentations.
- G.1.2.4 The Executive Board, together with the chairman of the Technical Committee, shall appoint the organising Association, after the evaluation of the presentations held by the applicants.
- G.1.2.5 The championships shall be organised according to the provisions of a contract between ETTU and the Host Association to be signed no later than **or 18 months** before the start of the event.

### **G.2 RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS**

- G.2.1 All international TV, Internet, equipment, advertising and marketing rights are vested in the ETTU. The exact distribution of responsibilities in these sectors shall be stated in the Technical and Economic Directives and finally laid down in the contract between ETTU and the organiser.
- G.2.2 All gate receipts belong to the Host Association.

### **G.3 QUALIFICATION**

- G.3.1 The Olympic Qualifying Tournament shall be open to all European National Olympic Committees, which shall enter the players through the ETTU member Associations concerned.
- G.3.2 All players shall be eligible to represent their NOC according to the IOC regulations.

### **G.4 DATE and DURATION**

- G.4.1 Olympic Qualifying Tournament shall be held on the dates fixed by the ETTU in accordance with the closing dates for entries to the Olympic Tournament.
- G.4.2 The duration of the Singles Qualifying Tournament will be decided together with its system of play (G.10).
- G.4.3 The organising Association shall submit an outline schedule to the Chairman of the Technical Committee for approval.

**G.5 EVENTS**

G.5.1 The Tournament shall include men's singles and women's singles.

**G.6 LEVIES**

G.6.1 The Association organising the Tournament shall pay to the ETTU a levy of 20,000 €.

G.6.2 There shall be a levy of 50 € per participating player, payable to the ETTU.

**G.7 ENTRIES****G.7.1 Numbers**

G.7.1.1 The numbers of players which may be entered by a NOC will be approved by the Executive Board and made known to all Associations not later than 12 months before the tournament.

**G.7.2 Entry Forms**

G.7.2.1 Entry forms shall be agreed with the General Secretary and shall include a statement to be signed by an official of the nominating NOC on behalf of its players, that they understand and accept the conditions of the tournament and that they are prepared to compete against all other players participating.

G.7.2.2 Entry forms shall be sent by the organising Association to all member Associations not later than 3 months before the start of each tournament.

G.7.2.3 Completed entry forms shall be sent to the ETTU not later than 2 months before its start.

G.7.2.4 ETTU will accept only entry forms properly signed by a representative of the nominating NOC, which are received on or before the closing date.

**G.7.3 Modification**

G.7.3.1 The General Secretary may accept alterations of names only, if notified by an authorised representative of the nominating Association confirmed by the NOC concerned, and only up to the dead-line fixed in the prospectus, (usually 4 days before the start of the event).

**G.8 HOSPITALITY**

G.8.1 The organising Association shall provide free hospitality from the evening before the tournament begins until the morning after it ends for

G.8.1.1 the Executive Board members, the Press and Medical Officials or their deputies, the Chairmen of the Ranking and Technical Committees, up to 2 Technical Committee members and two ETTU staff members;

G.8.1.2 all invited foreign referees and umpires.

G.8.2 The organising Association shall provide free hospitality and reimburse the travel costs for the Chairman of the Technical Committee or his deputy when he inspects the facilities and proposed playing conditions of the tournament.

G.8.3 The cost of hospitality for participants of the tournament shall be agreed in advance by the Executive Board.

**G.9 THE DRAW**

G.9.1 The draw for singles events shall be public and take place the day before the start of the tournament.

G.9.2 The draw shall be conducted by the Chairman of the Technical Committee.

G.9.3 The Executive Board shall determine the World ranking lists to be used as the basis for the seeding list for singles events.

**G.10 JURY**

G.10.1 The Jury shall consist of the Chairmen of the Ranking and Technical Committees, the members of the Technical Committee present at the tournament, a representative of the organising Association and of the Referee or his deputy.

G.10.2 The Chairman of the Jury shall be the Chairman of the Technical Committee.

G.10.3 The Jury shall meet on the eve of the tournament and at any other time when necessary.

G.10.4 All members of the Jury shall have the right to speak and to vote.

**G.11 SYSTEM OF PLAY**

G.11.1 The system of play shall be approved by the Executive Board and made known to all Associations at least 12 months before the tournament concerned.

**G.12 OLYMPIC REGULATIONS**

G.12.1 The organising Association and all participants shall observe all special regulations for Olympic Qualifying Tournaments agreed by the ETTU or the ITTF with the IOC.

**G.13 TROPHIES and AWARDS**

G.13.1 There are no official ETTU trophies or awards.

**G.14 FLAGS and ANTHEMS**

G.14.1 If flags or national anthems are used they shall be those of the countries of the NOC to which belong the players taking part in the tournament.

**G.15 REFEREES and UMPIRES**

G.15.1 Latest 5 months before the event, the Organising Association shall send to the ETTU Umpires and Referees Committee the proposal for appointing a Referee. Latest 4 months before the event, the ETTU Umpires and Referees Committee shall send to the Secretary General for the Executive Board's approval the proposal for appointing the Referee and one or more Deputy Referees. At least, one member of the referee team must be from a foreign association. All referees shall be International Referees from an ETTU member association and shall arrive the day before the start of the event.

G.15.2 All umpires shall be International Umpires. At least 1/3 of the total of umpires needed shall be from foreign ETTU Member Associations. No later than 5 months before the event, the ETTU Umpires and Referees Committee, after coordination with the Organising Association, will post a public call for umpires interested to officiate at the event onto the ETTU home page, and will send respective invitations to all European Associations. Together with the Organising Association, the ETTU Umpires and Referees Committee will set up a list of the appointed number of umpires; such decisions of the ETTU URC are final. No later than three months before the event, the ETTU shall inform the associations about the selections and post the list onto the ETTU URC homepage.

For all matches during the Championships the umpires shall be from Associations other than those of the players in the match.

G.15.3 All invited foreign officials shall receive a daily allowance equivalent to 15 €.

**G.16 FACILITIES**

G.16.1 The organising Association shall ensure free access to any part of the playing hall for all persons mentioned in G.7.1.1 and shall provide them with preferential seats throughout the Tournaments.

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# H EUROPE TOP-12 TOURNAMENT

## H.1 AUTHORITY FOR ORGANISATION

- H.1.1 The tournament, which shall consist of a women's and a men's event, shall be organised by one member Association appointed by the ETTU.
- H.1.2 Application procedure and decision
- H.1.2.1 Any Association wishing to organise the event shall send a written application to the General Secretary.
- H.1.2.2 The following conditions have to be acknowledged:
- The closing date for applications shall be specified by the Executive Board and notified to all Associations.
  - Applications must be in line with the relevant Regulations as well as the Technical and Economic Directives.
  - All details of organisation must be included in the presentation of the venue to the Executive Board, on the basis of the directives for presentations.
- H.1.2.3 The Regulations, the Technical and Economic Directives and the directives for presentations can be obtained from the General Secretary, who will also set the date for the presentations.
- H.1.2.4 The Executive Board, together with the chairman of the Technical Committee, shall appoint the organising Association, after the evaluation of the presentations held by the applicants.
- H.1.2.5 The championships shall be organised according to the provisions of a contract between ETTU and the Host Association to be signed no later than 12 months before the start of the event.

## H.2 RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS

- H.2.1 All international TV, Internet, equipment, advertising and marketing rights are vested in the ETTU. The exact distribution of responsibilities in these sectors shall be stated in the Technical and Economic Directives and finally laid down in the contract between ETTU and the organiser.
- H.2.2 All gate receipts belong to the Host Association.

## H.3 DATE and DURATION

- H.3.1 The tournament shall be played each year in February, over a period of 2 days.

## H.4 QUALIFICATION

- H.4.1 The General Secretary shall invite – not later than 8 weeks before the start of the competition – the eligible and reserve players for each event derived from the last available European Ranking Lists.
- H.4.2 In each event the following players shall qualify:
- a) the top 7 players from the last available European Ranking Lists
  - b) the top 3 players from the last available U21 European Ranking Lists
  - c) 2 Wild cards (among them the current European Champion, if not otherwise qualified, and/or if the organiser has no qualified participant)

H.4.3 The first reserve man and woman player shall be present and the Associations of the next 3 men and next 3 women on each list shall arrange that these players can be contacted urgently to replace any of the eligible players who are unable to attend.

H.4.4 The participation of an invited player has to be confirmed by the national Association this player is eligible to represent latest on or before the deadline fixed by the General Secretary.

**H.5 ENTRY FEE and LEVY**

H.5.1 The organising Association shall pay the ETTU a levy of 12,000 €.

**H.6 THE DRAW**

H.6.1 The draw shall take place the day before the start of the tournament and shall be conducted by the Chairman of the Technical Committee. Only players having attended the draw can participate.

H.6.2 The 4 highest ranked players shall be drawn automatically into the round of the last 8. The remaining players shall be drawn, two by two, in ranking order, into 2 groups of 4 players each. Players from the same Association, starting with the highest ranked ones, shall be distributed as evenly as possible between the groups.

**H.7 HOSPITALITY and EXPENSES**

H.7.1 The organising Association shall provide free hospitality from lunch of the day before the start of the tournament until breakfast after it ends, for:

H.7.1.1 12 players and 1 reserve in each event;

H.7.1.2 1 official of an Association with up to 3 participants and 2 officials of an Association with more than 3 participants (in both cases considering also the first reserve player as a participant);

H.7.1.3 1 member of the Executive Board, the Medical and Press Officials or their deputies, the Chairmen of the Ranking and Technical Committees and three ETTU staff members;

H.7.1.4 all invited foreign referees and umpires.

H.7.2 The organising Association shall provide free hospitality and reimburse the travel costs for the ETTU Competition Manager when he inspects the facilities and proposed playing conditions of the tournament.

H.7.3 Each Association shall pay the travel expenses of its players and officials, but the ETTU shall reimburse to his parent Association the expenses of an invited reserve player who attends but is not required to play.

H.7.4 The cost of hospitality for persons not entitled to free hospitality shall be agreed at least 1 year in advance by the Executive Board.

**H.8 SYSTEM of PLAY**

H.8.1 All group matches shall be the best of 5 games; starting from quarter-finals all matches shall be the best of 7 games.

- H.8.2 The competition is played in two stages. In the 1<sup>st</sup> round of the tournament, all members of a group will play each other. In the 2<sup>nd</sup> stage the four (4) direct qualifiers, the winners and the 2<sup>nd</sup> ranked players of the groups will play in a single knock-out system, with quarter-finals, semi-finals and a final, to determine the winner of the competition. The four direct qualifiers go to position 1, 4, 5 and 8. The winners of the groups shall be drawn between the remaining free positions with one drawn into the top half and the other one drawn into the bottom half. The 2<sup>nd</sup> ranked players of the first stage groups shall be drawn by lot into the remaining places but into the opposite half to the winners of their initial group.
- H.8.3 In a group, 2 match points shall be awarded for a win, 1 for a loss in a played match and 0 for a loss in a not played or unfinished match, and the ranking order shall be determined primarily by the number of match points gained.
- H.8.4 Where the players in a group have gained the same number of match points, their relative positions shall be determined by the results only of the matches between them, taking successively the number of match points and the ratios of wins to losses in games and points, as far as it is necessary to determine the order. If after this step the positions of the players are equal in matches, games and points, their relative positions shall be decided by lot.

## **H.9 JURY**

- H.9.1 The Jury shall consist of the Chairmen of the Ranking and Technical Committees, a representative of the organising Association and of the Referee or his deputy.
- H.9.2 The Chairman of the Jury shall be the Chairman of the Technical Committee.
- H.9.3 All members of the Jury shall have the right to speak and to vote.

## **H.10 REFEREES and UMPIRES**

- H.10.1 No later than 5 months before the event, the Organising Association shall send to the ETTU Umpires and Referees Committee the proposal for appointing a Referee. No later than 4 months before the event, the ETTU Umpires and Referees Committee shall send to the Secretary General for the Executive Board's approval the proposal for appointing the Referee and one Deputy Referee. At least one referee must be from a foreign association. All referees shall be International Referees from ETTU Member Associations and shall arrive the day before the start of the event.
- H.10.2 All umpires shall be International Umpires and at least 1/3 of the total of umpires needed shall be from foreign ETTU Member Associations. The Organising Association shall send to the ETTU Umpires and Referees Committee, no later than 4 months before the event, the proposal for appointing the umpires.  
For all matches during the tournament the umpires shall be from Associations other than those of the players in the match.
- H.10.3 All invited foreign officials shall receive a daily allowance equivalent to 15 €.



**H.11 EQUIPMENT and ADVERTISING**

- H.11.1 The ETTU, represented by the Executive Board, may enter into contracts with suppliers of playing equipment for the exclusive use of this equipment and the General Secretary shall notify all Associations by 1<sup>st</sup> June of the year before the tournament.
- H.11.2 ETTU contracts for equipment shall include 2/3 of the advertising space on the inside and outside surrounds, and the remaining 1/3 shall be available to the organising Association.

**H.12 TROPHIES and AWARDS**

- H.12.1 Cups for the winners of the men's and women's events were donated in memory of Richard Bergmann and Trude Pritzi respectively.
- H.12.2 All participants shall receive prize money unless they withdraw before fully completing the first stage matches.

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# I EUROPE YOUTH TOP-10

## I.1 AUTHORITY FOR ORGANISATION

- I.1.1 The tournament, which shall consist of a Junior Boys and a Junior Girls event as well as a Cadet Boys and a Cadet Girls event, shall be organised by one member Association appointed by the ETTU.
- I.1.2 Application procedure and decision
- I.1.2.1 Any Association wishing to organise the championships shall send a written application to the General Secretary.
- I.1.2.2 The following conditions have to be acknowledged:
- The closing date for applications shall be specified by the Executive Board and notified to all Associations.
  - Applications must be in line with the relevant Regulations, Directives as well as the Technical and Economic Directives.
  - All details of organisation must be included in the presentation of the venue to the Executive Board, on the basis of the directives for presentations.
- I.1.2.3 The Regulations, the Technical and Economic Directives and the directives for presentations can be obtained from the General Secretary, who will also set the date for the presentations.
- I.1.2.4 The Executive Board, together with the chairman of the Youth Committee, shall appoint the organising Association, after the evaluation of the presentations held by the applicants.
- I.1.2.5 The championships shall be organised according to the provisions of a contract between ETTU and the Host Association to be signed no later than or 18 months before the start of the event.

## I.2 RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS

- I.2.1 All international TV, Internet, equipment, advertising and marketing rights are vested in the ETTU. The exact distribution of responsibilities in these sectors shall be stated in the Technical and Economic Directives and finally laid down in the contract between ETTU and the organiser.
- I.2.2 All gate receipts belong to the Host Association.

## I.3 DATE and DURATION

- I.3.1 The tournament shall be played each year between September and November, over a period of 3 days.

## I.4 QUALIFICATION

- I.4.1 Qualification shall be determined by the current junior and cadet European ranking lists for boys and girls, but only junior players who will be under 18 and cadet players who will be under 15 on 1<sup>st</sup> of January of the year of the competition will be eligible.
- I.4.2 All players must be eligible to represent their Associations in accordance with the provision of article B.10.
- I.4.3 **Qualified Participants:**

- I.4.3.1 Junior events: In each event the reigning European Junior Champion, and the 9 other highest ranked junior players, unless this does not include a player of the organising Association, in which case the host Association shall be entitled to nominate one of its players to replace the lowest ranked junior players.
- I.4.3.2 Cadets events: In each event the reigning European Cadet Champion, 9 other still eligible highest ranked cadet players, unless this does not include a player of the organising Association, in which case the host Association shall be entitled to nominate one of its players to replace the lowest ranked Cadet player.
- I.4.4 The Associations of the first 3 boys and first 3 girls in the list of substitutes in each event shall arrange, that these players can be contacted urgently to replace any of the qualified players who may be unable to attend.
- I.4.5 The General Secretary shall invite the qualified players and inform the reserve players of each event not later than 8 weeks before the start of the competition.

## **I.5 ENTRY FEE and LEVY**

- I.5.1 There shall be no entry fee or levy.

## **I.6 HOSPITALITY and EXPENSES**

- I.6.1 The organising Association shall provide 50% of the hospitality (on the bases of the price for a double room) from the lunch on the day before the start of the tournament until the breakfast after it ends, for 10 players in each event.
- I.6.2 The organising Association shall provide free hospitality from lunch on the day before the start of the tournament until breakfast after it ends, for a representative of the Executive Board, the Chairman of the Youth Committee and one ETTU staff member.
- I.6.3 The organising Association shall provide free hospitality from lunch on the day before the start of the tournament until breakfast after it ends, for all invited foreign referees and umpires.
- I.6.4 The organising Association shall provide free hospitality and reimburse the travel costs for the Chairman of the Youth Committee or his deputy when he inspects the facilities and proposed playing conditions of the tournament.
- I.6.5 Each Association shall pay the travel expenses of its players as well as 50% of the hospitality costs. Each Association also shall pay the travel expenses of its officials including the hospitality costs. ETTU shall reimburse to his parent Association the expenses of an invited reserve player who attends but is not required to play.
- I.6.6 The hospitality cost for persons not entitled to free hospitality shall be agreed at least 1 year in advance by the Executive Board.

## **I.7 SYSTEM of PLAY**

- I.7.1 All matches in both the junior and the cadet events shall be the best of 7 games.

- I.7.2 In each event the players shall be placed in a group in which they will all play each other; matches between players from the same Association shall, as far as practicable, be played first.
- I.7.3 In a group, 2 match points shall be awarded for a win, 1 for a loss in a played match and 0 for a loss in a not played or unfinished match, and the ranking order shall be determined primarily by the number of match points gained.
- I.7.4 If 2 or more players have gained the same number of match points, their relative positions shall be determined by the results only of the matches between them, taking successively the number of match points gained and the ratios of wins to losses in games and points, as far as it is necessary to determine the order.
- I.7.5 If after any step the positions of one or more members of the group have been determined while others are still equal, the results of matches in which these members took part shall be excluded from any further calculations needed to resolve the equalities in accordance with the procedure of I.6.3 and I.6.4.
- I.7.6 If 2 or more players have gained the same number of match points and have the same ratios of wins to losses in games and points their relative positions shall be decided by lot.
- I.7.7 If a player withdraws before completing 5 matches the results of all his matches shall be cancelled and discounted.
- I.7.8 Details of the playing system shall be approved by the Executive Committee and made known to all Associations at least 6 months before the tournament.

## **I.8 JURY**

- I.8.1 The Jury shall consist of the Chairmen and one member of the Youth Committee, a representative of the organising Association and of the Referee or his deputy.
- I.8.2 The Chairman of the Jury shall be the Chairman of the Youth Committee.
- I.8.3 All members of the Jury shall have the right to speak and to vote.

## **I.9 REFEREES and UMPIRES**

- I.9.1 Latest 5 months before the event, the Organising Association shall send to the ETTU Umpires and Referees Committee the proposal for appointing a Referee. Latest 4 months before the event, the ETTU Umpires and Referees Committee shall send to the Secretary General for the Executive Board's approval the proposal for appointing the Referee and one Deputy Referee. At least, one referee must be from a foreign association. All referees shall be International Referee from an ETTU Member Association and shall arrive the day before the start of the event.
- I.9.2 All umpires shall be International Umpires. At least 1/3 of the total number of umpires needed shall be from foreign ETTU member Associations. The organising Association shall send to the ETTU Umpires and Referees Committee, no later than 4 months before the event, the proposal for appointing umpires.  
For all matches during the tournament the umpires shall be from Associations other than those of the players in the match.

I.9.3 All invited foreign officials shall receive a daily allowance equivalent to 15 €.

**I.10 EQUIPMENT and ADVERTISING**

I.10.1 The ETTU, represented by the Executive Board, may enter into contracts with suppliers of playing equipment for the exclusive use of this equipment and the General Secretary shall notify all Associations by 1<sup>st</sup> June of the year before the tournament.

I.10.2 ETTU contracts for equipment shall include 50% of the advertising space on the inside and outside surrounds, and the remaining 50% shall be available to the organising Association.

**I.11 TROPHIES and AWARDS**

I.11.1 Players shall not receive cash prizes but may receive suitable gifts.

I.11.2 Players in final positions 1-3 shall receive diplomas or plaques.

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## **J EUROPEAN CLUB COMPETITION - MEN**

### **J.1 European Club Competition - Men**

The European Club Competition - Men shall be organised in two different events:

- a) The European Champions League (named hereafter **ECLM**).
- b) The ETTU Cup (named hereafter **ETCM**)

J.1.2 The European Club Competition - Men shall be open for the winners of the ECLM and ETCM of the previous season and up to seven (7) clubs of each Member Association, taking part during the same season in the top national league, and having been entered by their Association.

J.1.3 The competition shall be conducted on behalf of the Club Competition Official by the ETTU General Secretary, who shall have the authority to change dates of matches whenever needed. Upon a justified request from a club, the Executive Board shall have the authority to change the venue of a match even to a location situated on the territory of a neighbouring Member Association. All matches shall be played at a venue located within 4 hours from CET time.

### **J.2 QUALIFICATION**

#### **J.2.1 ECLM**

The ECLM shall be open only to

- a) the winner of the ECLM of the previous season;
- b) the fifteen (15) highest ranked teams (considering all entries) from the seeding list based on the total number of ranking points of the three highest ranked players on the current World Ranking List, but only one (1) "foreign player" being considered.

J.2.1.1 No more than four (4) clubs from the same Association are entitled to participate in the ECLM.

J.2.1.2 If a qualified club does not enter the ECLM or does not fulfil the requirements set up, the Executive Board will decide which other club may fill the vacant position.

J.2.1.3 In case a qualified club does not participate in the ECLM, this club is not allowed to participate in the ETCM neither.

J.2.1.4 Every club engaged in the ECLM has to participate with one representative in at least one meeting per season, convened by ETTU.

#### **J.2.2 ETCM**

All teams not qualified for the ECLM may play in the ETCM.

### **J.3 MARKETING REGULATION (only for ECLM)**

J.3.1 The ETTU holds the following rights for every team match within the ECLM:

J.3.1.1 The international TV rights.

J.3.1.2 The rights for live streaming on Internet.

J.3.1.3 The exclusive right to appoint a title sponsor – to be communicated at least 3 months before the start of the ECLM – plus the right to provide advertising exposure to the title sponsor at every ECLM match.

Host clubs must always, in any publication under their responsibility regarding the ECLM, use the correct denomination of the title sponsor. A club failing to do this shall be fined by the Club Competition Official and eventually made liable for the payment of all undisputed damages claimed by the title sponsor.

J.3.1.4 Advertisement space on 25 % of the surrounds per court. (only in case a title sponsor has been appointed)

J.3.2 Every club participating in the ECLM has to fulfil the obligations regarding the production of live streaming.

J.3.2.1 Every club in the ETCM reaching the quarter finals has to fulfil the obligations regarding the production of Live Streaming.

J.3.3 Each club participating in the ECLM has to provide the necessary facilities and staff for the electronic transmission of each home match by a “live ticker” system (LSS) made available by the ETTU.

The LSS Service may also be provided by the Host Club using another than the ETTU’s tool, but only after previous authorisation by the ETTU. In any case, additional services must not be less than those provided by the official ETTU web site.

All relevant technical details are stated in the respective directives.

## **J.4 ENTRIES**

J.4.1 A club wishing to enter the ETTU Club Competition - Men shall send a completed entry form to the ETTU Secretariat to arrive latest by 1<sup>st</sup> of June, including the address, the phone numbers and e-mail address of their playing hall, the type of the floor the club uses for the home matches, the equipment used (tables, nets, colour of the shirts, balls), the names of its six eligible players and the name of the responsible, authorized club representative.

In case of emergency (illness or injuries of several players) the ETTU General Secretary may allow the participation of a not nominated player. In such a case a nominated player cannot be nominated as reserve player for the relating match.

J.4.2 Together with the entry form for its team, a club shall submit, separately for each one of its nominated players, a player registration form provided by the ETTU.

This registration form must include the confirmation, that

- a) the club and the player have signed a contract ensuring that the player will be at the disposal of the club during the whole period of the relevant playing season,
- b) the club and the player have accepted the provision of article J.8.5 in the ETTU Handbook regarding the eligibility for the ECLM.

The registration form must be signed by the player.

J.4.3 The authorization to enter the ECLM must be obtained from the National Association, which shall be responsible for its clubs and players with respect to entry fee, discipline, nominations, eligibility and in compliance with the ETTU regulations.

- J.4.4 The Associations concerned shall send to the ETTU bank account the following entry fees:  
 ECLM: 2,000 €  
 ETCM: 250 €.

**J.5 FIXTURES**

- J.5.1 The competition shall be held each season between 1<sup>st</sup> August and end of June, according to a schedule agreed by the Executive Board.  
 J.5.2 The actual playing season shall be from the day before the first round of the competition until the day after the second final match.

**J.5.3 ECLM**

- J.5.3.1 Matches shall normally be played on a Friday, but clubs may agree to play on an earlier date or on the following Saturday or Sunday. In case of disagreement the official playing day is Friday.  
 J.5.3.2 Dates and times of the final matches have to be approved by the ETTU in advance. All clubs participating in the final matches are invited to have their matches played on different days (or at least at different times) for a better promotion of the event.  
 J.5.3.3 In the last round of the group matches, all matches shall be played on the same day (Friday) and started at the same time (7,30 p.m. – CET).  
 J.5.3.4 For the group matches the home club shall send the visiting club a written invitation, to arrive not later than 6 weeks before the match is due to be played, giving details of the location, date, starting time and accommodation, and shall send a copy of this invitation to the ETTU Secretariat. Clubs failing to respect this provision and/or the relating deadline are subject to a fine (according to clause J.16).  
 For the quarter-final, semi-final and final matches the qualified clubs shall send to their opponents, as soon as possible, a written invitation giving details of the location, date, starting time and accommodation, and shall send a copy of this invitation to the ETTU Secretariat.

**J.5.4 ETCM**

- J.5.4.1 In the first two rounds, group matches shall be played on Saturday and on Sunday, whereof the time schedule shall be as follows:

Group with 4 teams:

- Round 1: Saturday at 2 pm  
 Round 2: Saturday at 7 pm  
 Round 3: Sunday at 10 am

Group with 5 teams:

- Round 1: Saturday at 10 am  
 Round 2: Saturday at 2 pm  
 Round 3: Saturday at 7 pm  
 Round 4: Sunday at 10 am  
 Round 5: Sunday at 2 pm

- J.5.4.2 Starting with the 3<sup>rd</sup> round, matches shall normally be played on a Friday, but clubs may agree to play on an earlier date or on the following Saturday or Sunday. In case of disagreement the official playing day is Friday.



J.5.4.3 The home club shall send to the visiting club a written invitation, to arrive not later than 21 days before the match is due to be played, giving details of the location, date, start time and accommodation, the brands and colours of tables and balls which will be used in the match, and shall send a copy of this invitation to the ETTU Secretariat. Clubs failing to respect this provision and/or the relating deadline are subject to a fine (according to clause J.16).

**J.6 HOSPITALITY**

J.6.1 The home club shall provide to the away club free hospitality, full board and lodging at a hotel of good standard for 2 days/nights (in case of a group with 4 teams and for direct knock-out matches), respectively for 3 days/nights (in case of a group with 5 teams) for 5 visiting persons, as well as transport from the local airport or railway station to the hotel or playing hall and back.

J.6.2 For the second final match, the host club shall moreover provide free hospitality for two (2) days for 1 ETTU representative.

**J.7 THE DRAW**

J.7.1 The draw shall be made in public by the ETTU General Secretary on a date and place to be published at least two months in advance on the official ETTU web site. Only clubs which have complied with regulation J.4 will be included in the draw. All clubs entered and all Member Associations will be notified of the result of the draw.

**J.7.2 ECLM**

J.7.2.1 The draw for all sixteen (16) teams in the competition will be according to a specific seeding list set up by the Ranking Committee and based on the total number of the ranking points on the current World Ranking of the 3 highest ranked players nominated by each club, but only 1 “foreign player” being considered for that purpose. The team seeded number 1 shall be placed in position 1 of Group A; the team seeded number 2 shall be placed in position 1 of Group D; the teams seeded number 3 and 4 shall be drawn between positions 1 of groups B and C. The remaining teams shall then be drawn 4 by 4 between the 4 groups.

Clubs from a same Association shall, as far as possible, be drawn into different groups.

**J.7.3 ETCM**

J.7.3.1 8 teams will be directly drawn to the second round and 8 teams will be drawn into the 'Last-16'-round.

These latter 8 teams shall be drawn according to a relating seeding list set up by the Ranking Committee and based on the total of the ranking points on the current World Ranking of the 3 highest ranked players nominated by each club, but only 1 “foreign player” being considered for that purpose.

J.7.4 For players who are no longer listed on the World Ranking, the following regulation will be applied:

- **50** points less than their last World Ranking Points for players whose last result recorded for World Ranking is less than 2 year old;
- **100** points less than their last World Ranking Points for players whose last result recorded for World Ranking is between 2 and 3 years old;
- **150** points less than their last World Ranking Points for players whose last result recorded for World Ranking is between 3 and 4 years old;
- **200** points less than their last World Ranking Points for players whose last result recorded for World Ranking is between 4 and 5 years old;
- **250** points less than their last World Ranking Points for players whose last result recorded for World Ranking is between 5 and 6 years old;
- **300** points less than their last World Ranking Points for players whose last result recorded for World Ranking is between 6 and 7 years old;
- **350** points less than their last World Ranking Points for players whose last result recorded for World Ranking is between 7 and 8 years old;
- **400** points less than their last World Ranking Points for players whose last result recorded for World Ranking is between 8 and 9 years old;
- **450** points less than their last World Ranking Points for players whose last result recorded for World Ranking is between 9 and 10 years old.

No points for players who were never on the World Ranking List (except for Chinese players).

Players not included in the World Ranking List but having a high ranking in a National League may be given a value of up to **2100** points by the Ranking Committee.

## **J.8 COMPOSITION OF TEAMS (ECLM and ETCM)**

J.8.1 Only nominated players are entitled to represent their club.

A club shall nominate 6 players on the relevant entry form. In this list, only 2 players who are not eligible in accordance with the provisions of Regulation B.10 to represent the club concerned ("foreign players") may be nominated and must be clearly designated. Amendments to this list may be made only up to the draw and shall be sent by e-mail to the ETTU Secretariat; no alterations shall be accepted after the draw.

In case a player starts the competition as a "foreign player" and his nationality changes during the playing season he shall nonetheless continue to be considered as a "foreign player" up to the end of the current playing season.

J.8.2 Only 1 "foreign player" is entitled to participate in a team match. In case one "foreign player" is nominated to participate in the team match, it is not allowed to nominate the second "foreign player", if given, as "reserve player".

J.8.3 By 10<sup>th</sup> of August the ETTU Secretariat shall send to the participating clubs and to their Associations a list of the players nominated by each club.

J.8.4 A player shall compete only for one club in the period starting the day before the first round of the competition until the day after the club of the player has played the last match in the competition of the event in international team competitions under the control of the ETTU or any other Continental Federation/Union. This regulation also applies to players who are principally eligible to take part in team competitions on

national level under the authority of an ITTF Member Association, except commitments for their national team.

**J.8.5 ECLM**

Only players who have participated in at least 50% of the group matches are allowed to play the quarter-final, semi-final and final matches. Reserve players being present in the playing hall of a match will be considered as participants of that match, if their presence is confirmed by the Referee on the result sheet of that match.

**J.9 PLAYING FORMAT**

**J.9.1 ECLM**

J.9.1.1 The ECLM will be played in two stages.

J.9.1.2 In the 1<sup>st</sup> stage, the teams will be divided into 4 groups of 4 teams and in each group the teams of this group will play each other in order to determine the final ranking order in each group.

J.9.1.3 In the 2<sup>nd</sup> stage the winners and the 2<sup>nd</sup> ranked teams of the groups will play in a single knock-out competition, with quarter-finals, semi-finals and a final, to determine the winner of the competition.

The home right for the first leg of these matches will be given to the 2<sup>nd</sup> ranked teams of the groups, for the final matches the home right for the first leg will be given to the lower ranked team.

After the group matches of the ECLM, the four teams ranked on position 3 in the four groups shall continue to compete in the ETTU Cup.

J.9.1.4 In all stages each tie will be played in 2 legs, home and away.

J.9.1.5 If in a match of the second stage each team has won one leg, the winner will be the team with the better aggregate score, the two legs being considered together, first in individual matches, then in games and finally in points. If the teams are then still at equality, the winner shall be decided by lot.

**J.9.2 ETCM**

J.9.2.1 In the first two rounds the competition shall be played in groups of 3, 4 or 5 teams. In the 1<sup>st</sup> round, the teams finishing in positions 1 and 2 in every group will qualify for the second round.

J.9.2.2 In the second round the competition shall be played in groups of 4 teams. The teams finishing in position 1 in every group shall qualify for the round of the last sixteen.

J.9.2.3 From the 3<sup>rd</sup> round on, a competition according to the single knock-out system will be used with 8 teams drawn directly into the last 16 according to the provisions of Regulation J.7.3., and the 4 teams having been ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> in the ECLM groups) drawn directly to the quarter-finals.

J.9.2.4 The quarter-finals, semi-finals and finals will be played in 2 legs, home and away. The home right for the first leg will be given to the lower ranked team.

J.9.2.5 If each team has won one leg, the winner will be the team with the better aggregate score, the two legs being considered together, first in individual matches, then in games and finally in points. If the teams are then still at equality, the winner shall be decided by lot.

J.9.3 In a group, 2 match points shall be awarded for a win, 1 for a loss and 0 for a loss in a not played or unfinished match, and the ranking order shall be determined primarily by the numbers of match points gained.

J.9.3.1 If 2 or more teams have gained the same number of match points, their relative positions shall be determined by the results only of matches between them, taking successively the numbers of match points, then the ratio of wins to losses in games and then the ratio of wins to losses in points, as far as it is necessary to determine the ranking order.

J.9.3.2 If after any step the positions of one or more teams have been determined while others are still equal, the results of matches in which those teams took part shall be excluded from any further calculations needed to resolve the equalities in accordance with the procedure of J.9.3.1.

J.9.3.3. If 2 or more teams have gained the same number of match points and have the same ratios of wins to losses in games and points, their relative positions shall be decided by lot.

## **J.10 PLAYING SYSTEM**

J.10.1 The playing system shall be the new Swaythling Cup system (best of 5 singles).

J.10.2 A team shall consist of 3 or 4 players selected from those nominated by the team's club for the event.

J.10.3 All individual matches (singles) shall be played on the same table.

J.10.4 The home team is considered to be composed by the players A1, A2, A3 and the visiting team is considered to be composed by the players B1, B2, B3.

The order of play in a team match shall be A1 v B2, A2 v B1, A3 v B3, A1 v B1, A2 v B2, and the match shall end when a team has won 3 singles, each the best of 5 games.

After the second single in a team match, player No. 4 of the team may replace player A1 or A2 (for the home team) respectively player B1 or B2 (for the away team). Such a player substitution must be announced by the respective team captain to the Referee at the latest before the start of the third single.

J.10.5 There shall be only one interval of not more than 15 minutes after the second individual match. For televised matches there shall be no delays.

## **J.11 PLAYING CONDITIONS**

J.11.1 For the ECLM the dimensions of the playing court shall not be less than 16 m long, 8 m wide and 5 m high, for the ETC the dimensions of the playing court shall not be less than 14 m long, 7 m wide and 4 m high.

J.11.2 All matches in the ECLM shall be played on ITTF approved floor mats.

J.11.3 The light intensity shall not be less than 600 LUX over the table.

- J.11.4 The minimum temperature in the playing area shall not be less than 16° C.
- J.11.5 The playing conditions must be checked and approved by the Referee, whose decision shall be final. Even in case of disputes about the playing conditions the clubs are obliged to play the match.

**J.12 TROPHIES**

- J.12.1 The “European Champions League Trophy” and the “ETTU Cup – Men” shall be presented by a representative of the ETTU to the respective winning teams.
- J.12.2 Medals shall be presented by a representative of the ETTU to the individual members of the winning team and the losing finalists of the ECLM and ETCM.

**J.13 DRESS/COLOURS**

- J.13.1 The home club shall notify the visiting team of the colours of its playing clothing and the visiting team shall wear different colours.
- J.13.2 Advertisements on players’ clothing shall comply with ITTF Regulations for International Competitions.

**J.14 REFEREES and UMPIRES**

- J.14.1 For all matches other than the quarter-final, semi-final and final matches (in the ECLM), semi-final and final matches (in the ETCM) the Association of the home club shall appoint at least three umpires. At least one of these umpires shall be an International Umpire and shall additionally fulfil the duties of the Referee.
- J.14.2 For the quarter-final, semi-final and final matches (in the ECLM), semi-final and final matches (in the ETCM) the General Secretary, in co-operation with the Referees and Umpires Committee, shall arrange for two International Umpires coming from an Association other than those of the clubs whose teams are involved in the respective match. One of these International Umpires shall additionally fulfil the duties of the Referee. The Association of the home club shall provide umpires to perform the duties of assistant umpires.
  - J.14.2.1 In emergency cases, other international umpires present at the match may replace the missing nominated umpires, one of them taking over the duty as Referee.
- J.14.3 The umpires appointed by the ETTU shall receive free hospitality, a daily allowance of 15 € and shall also get their travel expenses reimbursed by the home club.

**J.15 RESULTS**

- J.15.1 Immediately after a match the home club shall send by e-mail to both the ETTU Secretariat and the ETTU result service a copy of the results sheet, and within 3 days the home club shall send the official results sheet to the ETTU Secretariat by normal post.

**J.16 ECCM PENALTY CATALOGUE**

- J.16.1 A club violating the ITTF Laws, the ETTU Constitution, the ETTU regulations or the ETTU Directives may be disqualified from the competition, may be fined up to 5,000 € and may be banned from competing in the ECL and/or the ETTU Cup in the following season(s). The same penalties may be imposed on a team which has refused to continue the match until its end or whose players, coaches or officials during or in connection with a match have behaved in a way that the table tennis sport has been brought into disrepute.
- J.16.2 In case of infringement of Regulation J.8.5, the club may be disqualified from all competitions under the jurisdiction of the ETTU, and may be banned for one or two seasons and fined up to 5,000 €. The team of such a player may lose all matches of the current playing season by 3:0.
- J.16.3 A club not fulfilling the duties to offer appropriate hospitality (at least \*\*\* hotels plus lunch and dinner) may be fined up to 3,000 € and lose the right to play at home for up to 5 home matches.
- J.16.4.1 A club failing to observe the Regulations concerning advertisement within the playing area may be disqualified from the competition, may be fined up to 5,000 € and may be banned from competing in the following 1 or 2 seasons.
- J.16.4.2 A club whose players fail to observe the Regulations concerning advertisements on players' clothing may be disqualified from the competition, may be fined up to 5,000 € and may be banned from competing in the following 1 or 2 seasons.
- J.16.5 A club nominating a player and qualifying for the ECL through this player's ranking points, but not letting this player take part in the competition, may be fined up to 5,000 € and may be banned from competing in the ECLM and/or ETCM in the following seasons.
- J.16.6 A club failing to send the results of a match as specified (to both addresses, the result service and the ETTU Secretariat), failing to make a prompt and satisfactory financial settlement with an opposing club, using wrong equipment, not inviting the opponent team before the relating deadline or failing to provide the LSS may be subject to a fine of 500 € on the first occasion; on a second occasion this fine is increased to 1,000 € and on all further occasions to 2,000 €.
- J.16.7 In case a club entering the Men's club competitions and qualified for the ECLM decides not to participate may be fined up to 2.000 € and may be banned from competing in the ETTU Club competitions for 1 or 2 seasons.
- J.16.8 All the penalties mentioned in this chapter shall be imposed by the Club Competitions Official.

**J.17 JURISDICTION**

- J.17.1 A club wishing to protest about any aspect of an ECCM match shall send this protest, together with all relevant details, by e-mail to the ETTU Secretariat, within 2 working days after the date of the match. No protest shall be accepted after this deadline.
- J.17.2 The club competition official has to take a decision concerning a protest as soon as possible after the protest has been received and the necessary hearing and investigations have been concluded.

- J.17.3 A club wishing to protest against a decision of the Club Competition Official shall send this protest, together with the relevant details, including reasoning, by e-mail via the ETTU Secretariat to the Board of Justice within 4 working days after the receipt of the decision. No protest shall be accepted after this deadline.
- J.17.4 The costs of the procedure of the BoJ shall include the actual expenses and the lodging's fee of 1.000 €. This latter fee shall be paid into the ETTU bank account and has to be received by the ETTU within eight (8) days of the submission of the case.
- J.17.5 Through the intermediary of the General Secretary, the BoJ shall inform the opposing or accused party (parties) within fifteen (15) days of the case lodging.
- J.17.6 Any appeal against the decision of the Board of Justice shall be made to the Board of Appeal, within 3 working days of the notification of the decision of the Board of Justice, which should principally be communicated via the ETTU Secretariat. The decision of the Board of Appeal shall be final on ETTU level.
- J.17.7 The costs of the procedure of the BoA shall include the actual expenses and the appeal fee of 1.000 €. This latter fee shall be paid into the ETTU bank account and has to be received by the ETTU within eight (8) days of the submission of the case.
- J.17.8 Through the intermediary of the General Secretary, the BoA shall inform any other party (parties) concerned within fifteen (15) days of the appeal lodging.
- J.17.9 At the time of making a protest, the protesting club shall send to the ETTU bank account a fee of 1.000 € per case, which will be refunded if the protest is not upheld or if the contested sentence is cancelled.
- J.17.10 At the time of making an appeal, the appealing club shall send to the ETTU bank account a fee of 1.000 € per case, which will be refunded if the appeal is not upheld or if the contested sentence is cancelled.
- J.17.11 In case of, any appeal against the decision of the Board of Appeal at the Court of Arbitration for Sports shall be made within 14 days of the notification of the decision of the Board of Appeal, which should principally be communicated via the ETTU Secretariat.

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## **K EUROPEAN CLUB COMPETITION - WOMEN**

### **K.1 European Club Competition - Women**

The European Club Competition - Women shall be organised in two different events:

- a) The European Champions League (named hereafter **ECLW**).
- b) The ETTU Cup (named hereafter **ETCW**)

K.1.2 The European Club Competition - Women shall be open for the winners of the ECLW and ETCW of the previous season and up to seven (7) clubs of each Member Association, taking part during the same season in the top national league, and having been entered nominated by their Association.

K.1.3 The competition shall be conducted on behalf of the Club Competition Official by the ETTU General Secretary, who shall have the authority to change dates of matches whenever needed. Upon a justified request from a club, the Executive Board shall have the authority to change the venue of a match even to a location situated on the territory of a neighbouring Member Association. All matches shall be played at a venue located within 4 hours from CET time.

### **K.2 QUALIFICATION**

#### **K.2.1 ECLW**

The ECLW shall be open only to

- a) the winner of the ECLW of the previous season;
- b) the seven (7) highest ranked teams (considering all entries) from the seeding list based on the total number of ranking points of the three highest ranked players on the current World Ranking List, but only one (1) "foreign player" being considered.

K.2.1.1 No more than two (2) clubs from the same Association are entitled to participate in the ECLW.

K.2.1.2 If a qualified club does not enter the ECLW or does not fulfil the requirements set up, the Executive Board will decide which other club may fill the vacant position.

K.2.1.3 In case a qualified club does not participate in the ECLW, this club is not allowed to participate in the ETCW neither.

K.2.1.4 Every club engaged in the ECLW has to participate with one representative in at least one meeting per season, convened by ETTU.

#### **K.2.2 ETCW**

All teams not qualified for the ECLW may play in the ETCW.

### **K.3 MARKETING REGULATION (only for ECLW)**

K.3.1 The ETTU holds the following rights for every team match within the ECLW:

K.3.1.1 The international TV rights.

K.3.1.2 The rights for live streaming on Internet.



K.3.1.3 The exclusive right to appoint a title sponsor – to be communicated at least 3 months before the start of the ECLW – plus the right to provide advertising exposure to the title sponsor at every ECLW match.

Host clubs must always, in any publication under their responsibility regarding the ECLW, use the correct denomination of the title sponsor. A club failing to do this shall be fined by the Club Competition Official and eventually made liable for the payment of all undisputed damages claimed by the title sponsor.

K.3.1.4 Advertisement space on 25 % of the surrounds per court. (only in case a title sponsor has been appointed)

K.3.2 Every club participating in the ECLW has to fulfil the obligations regarding the production of live streaming.

K.3.2.1 Every club in the ETCW reaching the quarter finals has to fulfil the obligations regarding the production of Live Streaming.

K.3.3 Each club participating in the ECLW has to provide the necessary facilities and staff for the electronic transmission of each home match by a “live ticker” system (LSS) made available by the ETTU.

The LSS Service may also be provided by the Host Club using another than the ETTU’s tool, but only after previous authorisation by the ETTU. In any case, additional services must not be less than those provided by the official ETTU web site.

All relevant technical details are stated in the respective directives.

#### **K.4 ENTRIES**

K.4.1 A club wishing to enter the ETTU Club Competition - Women shall send a completed entry form to the ETTU Secretariat to arrive latest by 30<sup>th</sup> of June, including the address, the phone and fax numbers of their playing hall, the type of the floor the club uses for the home matches, the equipment used (tables, nets, colour of the shirts, balls), the names of its six eligible players and the name of the responsible, authorized club representative.

In case of emergency (illness or injuries of several players) the ETTU General Secretary may allow the participation of a not nominated player. In such a case a nominated player cannot be nominated as reserve player for the relating match.

K.4.2 Together with the entry form for its team, a club shall submit, separately for each one of its nominated players, a player registration form provided by the ETTU.

This registration form must include the confirmation, that

- a) the club and the player have signed a contract ensuring that the player will be at the disposal of the club during the whole period of the relevant playing season,
- b) the club and the player have accepted the provision of article K.8.5 in the ETTU Handbook regarding the eligibility for the ECLW.

The registration form must be signed by the player and one or more duly authorized representatives of the club. All signatures must be notarized or at least certified by legalized copies of valid identity documents.

K.4.3 The authorization to enter the ECLW must be obtained from the National Association, which shall be responsible for its clubs and players with respect to entry fee, discipline, nominations, eligibility and in compliance with the ETTU regulations.

K.4.4 The Associations concerned shall send to the ETTU bank account the following entry fees:

ECLW: 1,000 €

ETCW: 250 €.

**K.5 FIXTURES**

K.5.1 The competition shall be held each season between 1<sup>st</sup> August and end of June, according to a schedule agreed by the Executive Board.

K.5.2 The actual playing season shall be from the day before the first round of the competition until the day after the second final match.

**K.5.3 ECLW**

K.5.3.1 Matches shall normally be played on a Friday, but clubs may agree to play on an earlier date or on the following Saturday or Sunday. In case of disagreement the official playing day is Friday.

K.5.3.2 Dates and times of the final matches have to be approved by the ETTU in advance. All clubs participating in the final matches are invited to have their matches played on different days (or at least at different times) for a better promotion of the event.

K.5.3.3 In the last round of the group matches, all matches shall be played on the same day (Friday) and started at the same time (7,30 p.m. – CET).

K.5.3.4 For the group matches the home club shall send the visiting club a written invitation, to arrive not later than 6 weeks before the match is due to be played, giving details of the location, starting time and accommodation, and shall send a copy of this invitation to the ETTU Secretariat. Clubs failing to respect this provision and/or the relating deadline are subject to a fine (according to clause K.16).

For the quarter-final, semi-final and final matches the qualified clubs shall send to their opponents, as soon as possible, a written invitation giving details of the location, starting time and accommodation, and shall send a copy of this invitation to the ETTU Secretariat.

**K.5.4 ETCW**

K.5.4.1 In the first two rounds, group matches shall be played on Saturday and on Sunday, whereof the time schedule shall be as follows:

Group with 4 teams:

Round 1: Saturday at 2 pm

Round 2: Saturday at 7 pm

Round 3: Sunday at 10 am

Group with 5 teams:

Round 1: Saturday at 10 am

Round 2: Saturday at 2 pm

Round 3: Saturday at 7 pm

Round 4: Sunday at 10 am

Round 5: Sunday at 2 pm

K.5.4.2 Starting with the 3<sup>rd</sup> round, matches shall normally be played on a Friday, but clubs may agree to play on an earlier date or on the following Saturday or Sunday. In case of disagreement the official playing day is Friday.

K.5.4.3 The home club shall send to the visiting club a written invitation, to arrive not later than 21 days before the match is due to be played, giving details of the location, start time and accommodation, the brands and colours of tables and balls which will be used in the match, and shall send a copy of this invitation to the ETTU Secretariat. Clubs failing to respect this provision and/or the relating deadline are subject to a fine (according to clause K.16).

**K.6 HOSPITALITY**

K.6.1 The home club shall provide to the away club free hospitality, full board and lodging at a hotel of good standard for 2 days/nights (in case of a group with 4 teams and for direct knock-out matches), respectively for 3 days/nights (in case of a group with 5 teams) for 5 visiting persons, as well as transport from the local airport or railway station to the hotel or playing hall.

K.6.2 For the second final match, the host club shall moreover provide free hospitality for two (2) days for 1 ETTU representative.

**K.7 THE DRAW**

K.7.1 The draw shall be made in public by the ETTU General Secretary on a date and place to be published at least two months in advance on the official ETTU web site. Only clubs which have complied with regulation K.4 will be included in the draw. All clubs entered and all Member Associations will be notified of the result of the draw.

**K.7.2 ECLW**

K.7.2.1 The draw for all eight (8) teams in the competition will be according to a specific seeding list set up by the Ranking Committee and based on the total number of the ranking points on the current World Ranking of the 3 highest ranked players nominated by each club, but only 1 “foreign player” being considered for that purpose. The team seeded number 1 shall be placed in position 1 of Group A; the team seeded number 2 shall be placed in position 1 of Group B. The remaining teams shall then be drawn 2 by 2 into the 2 groups. Clubs from a same Association shall, as far as possible, be drawn into different groups.

**K.7.3 ETCW**

K.7.3.1 8 teams will be directly drawn to the second round and 8 teams will be drawn into the 'Last-16'-round.

These latter 8 teams shall be the 2 ETCW finalists of the previous season and 6 teams according to a relating seeding list set up by the Ranking Committee and based on the total of the ranking points on the current World Ranking of the 3 highest ranked players nominated by each club, but only 1 “foreign player” being considered for that purpose.

All eight (8) teams will be drawn according to a specific seeding list set up by the Ranking Committee and based on the total of the ranking points on the current World Ranking of the 3 highest ranked players nominated by each club, but only 1 “foreign player” being considered for that purpose

K.7.4 For players who are no longer listed on the World Ranking, the following regulation will be applied:

- **50** points less than their last World Ranking Points for players whose last result recorded for World Ranking is less than 2 year old;
- **100** points less than their last World Ranking Points for players whose last result recorded for World Ranking is between 2 and 3 years old;
- **150** points less than their last World Ranking Points for players whose last result recorded for World Ranking is between 3 and 4 years old;
- **200** points less than their last World Ranking Points for players whose last result recorded for World Ranking is between 4 and 5 years old;
- **250** points less than their last World Ranking Points for players whose last result recorded for World Ranking is between 5 and 6 years old;
- **300** points less than their last World Ranking Points for players whose last result recorded for World Ranking is between 6 and 7 years old;
- **350** points less than their last World Ranking Points for players whose last result recorded for World Ranking is between 7 and 8 years old;
- **400** points less than their last World Ranking Points for players whose last result recorded for World Ranking is between 8 and 9 years old;
- **450** points less than their last World Ranking Points for players whose last result recorded for World Ranking is between 9 and 10 years old.

No points for players who were never on the World Ranking List (except for Chinese players).

Players not included in the World Ranking List but having a high ranking in a National League may be given a value of up to **2350** points by the Ranking Committee.

## **K.8 COMPOSITION OF TEAMS (ECLW and ETCW)**

K.8.1 Only nominated players are entitled to represent their club.

A club shall nominate 6 players on the relevant entry form. In this list, only 2 players who are not eligible in accordance with the provisions of Regulation B.10 to represent the club concerned (“foreign players”) may be nominated and must be clearly designated. Amendments to this list may be made only up to the draw and shall be sent by e-mail to the ETTU Secretariat; no alterations shall be accepted after the dead-line fixed on the entry forms.

In case a player starts the competition as a “foreign player” and his nationality changes during the playing season he shall nonetheless continue to be considered as a “foreign player” up to the end of the current playing season.

K.8.2 Only 1 “foreign player” is entitled to participate in a team match. In case one “foreign player” is nominated to participate in the team match, it is not allowed to nominate the second “foreign player”, if given, as “reserve player”.

K.8.3 By 10<sup>th</sup> of August the ETTU Secretariat shall send to the participating clubs and to their Associations a list of the players nominated by each club.

K.8.4 A player shall compete only for one club in the period starting the day before the first round of the competition until the day after the club of the player has played the last match in the competition of the event in international team competitions under the control of the ETTU or any other Continental Federation/Union. This regulation also applies to players who are principally eligible to take part in team competitions on national level under the authority of an ITTF Member Association, except commitments for their national team.

**K.8.5 ECLW**

Only players who have participated in at least 50% of the group matches are allowed to play the semi-final and final matches. Reserve players being present in the playing hall of a match will be considered as participants of that match, if their presence is confirmed by the Referee on the result sheet of that match.

**K.9 PLAYING FORMAT**

**K.9.1 ECLW**

K.9.1.1 The ECLW will be played in two stages.

K.9.1.2 In the 1<sup>st</sup> stage, the teams will be divided into 2 groups of 4 teams and in each group the teams of this group will play each other in order to determine the final ranking order in each group.

K.9.1.3 In the 2<sup>nd</sup> stage the winners and the 2<sup>nd</sup> ranked teams of the groups will play in a single knock-out competition, with semi-finals and a final, to determine the winner of the competition.

The home right for the first leg of these matches will be given to the 2<sup>nd</sup> ranked teams of the groups, for the final matches the home right for the first leg will be given to the lower ranked team.

After the group matches of the ECLW, the two teams ranked on position 3 in the two groups shall continue to compete in the ETTU Cup (see chapter L.8.6)

K.9.1.4 In all stages each tie will be played in 2 legs, home and away.

K.9.1.5 If in a match of the second stage each team has won one leg, the winner will be the team with the better aggregate score, the two legs being considered together, first in individual matches, then in games and finally in points. If the teams are then still at equality, the winner shall be decided by lot.

**K.9.2 ETCW**

K.9.2.1 In the first two rounds the competition shall be played in groups of 3, 4 or 5 teams. In the 1<sup>st</sup> round, the teams finishing in positions 1 and 2 in every group will qualify for the second round.

K.9.2.2 In the second round the competition shall be played in groups of 4 teams. The teams finishing in position 1 in every group shall qualify for the round of the last sixteen.

- K.9.2.3 From the 3<sup>rd</sup> round on, a competition according to the single knock-out system will be used with 8 teams drawn directly into the last 16 according to the provisions of Regulation K.6.2., and the 2 teams having been ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> in the ECLW groups) directly drawn directly to the quarter-finals.
- K.9.2.4 The quarter-finals, semi-finals and finals will be played in 2 legs, home and away. The home right for the first leg will be given to the lower ranked team.
- K.9.2.5 If each team has won one leg, the winner will be the team with the better aggregate score, the two legs being considered together, first in individual matches, then in games and finally in points. If the teams are then still at equality, the winner shall be decided by lot.
- K.9.3 In a group, 2 match points shall be awarded for a win, 1 for a loss and 0 for a loss in a not played or unfinished match, and the ranking order shall be determined primarily by the numbers of match points gained.
  - K.9.3.1 If 2 or more teams have gained the same number of match points, their relative positions shall be determined by the results only of matches between them, taking successively the numbers of match points, then the ratio of wins to losses in games and then the ratio of wins to losses in points, as far as it is necessary to determine the ranking order.
  - K.9.3.2 If after any step the positions of one or more teams have been determined while others are still equal, the results of matches in which those teams took part shall be excluded from any further calculations needed to resolve the equalities in accordance with the procedure of K.9.3.1.
  - K.9.3.3. If 2 or more teams have gained the same number of match points and have the same ratios of wins to losses in games and points, their relative positions shall be decided by lot.

**K.10 PLAYING SYSTEM**

- K.10.1 The playing system shall be the new Swaythling Cup system (best of 5 singles).
- K.10.2 A team shall consist of 3 or 4 players selected from those nominated by the team's club for the event.
- K.10.3 All individual matches (singles) shall be played on the same table.
- K.10.4 The home team is considered to be composed by the players A1, A2, A3 and the visiting team is considered to be composed by the players B1, B2, B3.  
 The order of play in a team match shall be A1 v B2, A2 v B1, A3 v B3, A1 v B1, A2 v B2, and the match shall end when a team has won 3 singles, each the best of 5 games.  
 After the second single in a team match, player No. 4 of the team may replace player A1 or A2 (for the home team) respectively player B1 or B2 (for the away team). Such a player substitution must be announced by the respective team captain to the Referee at the latest before the start of the third single.
- K.10.5 There shall be only one interval of not more than 15 minutes after the second individual match. For televised matches there shall be no delays.

**K.11 PLAYING CONDITIONS**

- K.11.1 For the ECLW the dimensions of the playing court shall not be less than 16 m long, 8 m wide and 5 m high, for the ETC the dimensions of the playing court shall not be less than 14 m long, 7 m wide and 4 m high.
- K.11.2 All matches in the ECLW shall be played on ITTF approved floor mats.
- K.11.3 The light intensity shall not be less than 600 LUX over the table.
- K.11.4 The minimum temperature in the playing area shall not be less than 16° C.
- K.11.5 The playing conditions must be checked and approved by the Referee, whose decision shall be final. Even in case of disputes about the playing conditions the clubs are obliged to play the match.

**K.12 TROPHIES**

- K.12.1 The “European Champions League Trophy” and the “ETTU Cup – Women” shall be presented by a representative of the ETTU to the respective winning teams.
- K.12.2 Medals shall be presented by a representative of the ETTU to the individual members of the winning team and the losing finalists of the ECLW and ETCW.

**K.13 DRESS/COLOURS**

- K.13.1 The home club shall notify the visiting team of the colours of its playing clothing and the visiting team shall wear different colours.
- K.13.2 Advertisements on players’ clothing shall comply with ITTF Regulations for International Competitions.

**K.14 REFEREES and UMPIRES**

- K.14.1 For all matches other than the semi-final and final matches, the Association of the home club shall appoint at least three umpires. At least one of these umpires shall be an International Umpire and shall additionally fulfil the duties of the Referee.
- K.14.2 For the semi-final and final matches of the ECL the General Secretary, in co-operation with the Referees and Umpires Committee, shall arrange for two International Umpires coming from an Association other than those of the clubs whose teams are involved in the respective match. One of these International Umpires shall additionally fulfil the duties of the Referee. The Association of the home club shall provide umpires to perform the duties of assistant umpires.
  - K.14.2.1 In emergency cases, other international umpires present at the match may replace the missing nominated umpires, one of them taking over the duty as Referee.
- K.14.3 The umpires appointed by the ETTU shall receive free hospitality, a daily allowance of 15 € and shall also get their travel expenses reimbursed by the home club.

**K.15 RESULTS**

K.15.1 Immediately after a match the home club shall send by e-mail to both the ETTU Secretariat and the ETTU result service a copy of the results sheet, and within 3 days the home club shall send the official results sheet to the ETTU Secretariat by normal post.

**K.16 ECCW PENALTY CATALOGUE**

K.16.1 A club violating the ITTF Laws, the ETTU Constitution, the ETTU regulations or the ETTU Directives may be disqualified from the competition, may be fined up to 5,000 € and may be banned from competing in the ECL and/or the ETTU Cup in the following season(s). The same penalties may be imposed on a team which has refused to continue the match until its end or whose players, coaches or officials during or in connection with a match have behaved in a way that the table tennis sport has been brought into disrepute.

K.16.2 In case of infringement of Regulation K.8.5, the club may be disqualified from all competitions under the jurisdiction of the ETTU, and may be banned for one or two seasons and fined up to 5,000 €. The team of such a player may lose all matches of the current playing season by 3:0.

K.16.3 A club not fulfilling the duties to offer appropriate hospitality (at least \*\*\* hotels plus lunch and dinner) may be fined up to 3,000 € and lose the right to play at home for up to 5 home matches.

K.16.4 K.16.4.1 A club failing to observe the Regulations concerning advertisement within the playing area may be disqualified from the competition, may be fined up to 5,000 € and may be banned from competing in the following 1 or 2 seasons.

K.16.4.2 A club whose players fail to observe the Regulations concerning advertisements on players' clothing may be disqualified from the competition, may be fined up to 5,000 € and may be banned from competing in the following 1 or 2 seasons.

K.16.5 A club nominating a player and qualifying for the ECL through this player's ranking points, but not letting this player take part in the competition, may be fined up to 5,000 € and may be banned from competing in the ECLW and/or ETCW in the following seasons.

K.16.6 A club failing to send the results of a match as specified (to both addresses, the result service and the ETTU Secretariat), failing to make a prompt and satisfactory financial settlement with an opposing club, using wrong equipment, not inviting the opponent team before the relating deadline or failing to provide the LSS may be subject to a fine of 500 € on the first occasion; on a second occasion this fine is increased to 1,000 € and on all further occasions to 2,000 €.

K.16.7 All the penalties mentioned in this chapter shall be imposed by the Club Competitions Official.

**K.17 JURISDICTION**

K.17.1 A club wishing to protest about any aspect of an ECCW match shall send this protest, together with all relevant details, by e-mail to the ETTU Secretariat, within 2 working days after the date of the match. No protest shall be accepted after this deadline.



- K.17.2 The club competition official has to take a decision concerning a protest as soon as possible after the protest has been received and the necessary hearing and investigations have been concluded.
- K.17.3 A club wishing to protest against a decision of the Club Competition Official shall send this protest, together with the relevant details, including reasoning, by e-mail via the ETTU Secretariat to the Board of Justice within 4 working days after the receipt of the decision. No protest shall be accepted after this deadline.
- K.17.4 The Board of Justice shall decide concerning a protest within 7 days after the receipt of this protest.
- K.17.5 Any appeal against the decision of the Board of Justice shall be made to the Board of Appeal, within 3 working days of the notification of the decision of the Board of Justice, which should principally be communicated via the ETTU Secretariat. The decision of the Board of Appeal shall be final on ETTU level.
- K.17.6 At the time of making a protest, the protesting club shall send to the ETTU bank account a fee of 1.000 € per case, which will be refunded if the protest is not upheld or if the contested sentence is cancelled.
- K.17.7 At the time of making an appeal, the appealing club shall send to the ETTU bank account a fee of 1.000 € per case, which will be refunded if the appeal is not upheld or if the contested sentence is cancelled.
- K.17.8 In case of, any appeal against the decision of the Board of Appeal at the Court of Arbitration for Sports shall be made within 14 days of the notification of the decision of the Board of Appeal, which should principally be communicated via the ETTU Secretariat.

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## **M ETTU YOUTH OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS**

### **M.1 JURISDICTION**

M.1.1 The ETTU shall regulate all ETTU Youth Open Championships.

### **M.2 CALENDAR**

M.2.1 The ETTU will protect the dates of ETTU Youth Open Championships which have been approved and published.

### **M.3 ETTU TECHNICAL DELEGATE**

M.3.1 The Chairman or a member of the ETTU Youth or Technical Committee may be appointed by the Executive Board to attend the draw for team and individual events as well as the tournament as ETTU Technical Delegate.

M.3.2 If no Technical Delegate has been appointed, the Chairman of the Youth Committee may appoint one of the members of his Committee, attending the championships as delegation member of his Association, as ETTU Youth Committee Delegate at the competition.

M.3.3 The Technical Delegate or the Youth Committee Delegate, if appointed, shall be provided free hospitality by the organising Association from the evening before the Championships begin until the morning after they end.

The ETTU shall reimburse the travel expenses of the Technical Delegate.

### **M.4 ENTRIES**

M.4.1 ETTU Youth Open Championships are open to any ITTF member Association, but players can be entered only by their National Associations.

M.4.2 An Association other than the organising Association may enter 2 boy's teams and 2 girl's teams in each age category (junior and cadet). In such a case the highest ranked player of this Association, on the basis of the current European or national rankings for juniors and cadets, whichever is relevant, shall play in the first team. The organising Association may enter 1 additional team in each event, but in such a case the first player of that team must have a lower ranking than the first player of the first and second team, on the basis of the European or national rankings for juniors and cadets, whichever is relevant. The ranking order of the players inside the teams must be determined before the draw.

M.4.3 An Association other than the organising Association may enter up to 8 boys and 8 girls in the junior individual events and 6 boys and 6 girls in the cadet individual events; the organising Association may enter up to 10 boys and 10 girls in each age category.

M.4.4 All players must be eligible to represent their Association in accordance with the provisions of B.10.

**M.5 SYSTEM of PLAY**

- M.5.1 The qualifying stage of the singles events, in which all players shall take part, shall be played on group basis. The second stage of the singles events as well as the doubles events shall be played in K.O. system. Team events should be played in the same system as at the European Youth Championships (for juniors according D.10.2, for cadets according D.10.3).
- M.5.2 In all events (team and individual) all matches shall be played best of 5 games. If a EYOC is part of the ITTF World Junior Circuit Junior singles events shall be played best of 7 games.

**M.6 SEEDING LISTS**

- M.6.1 For ETTU Youth Open Championships being part of the World Junior Circuit seeding lists will be set up by the ITTF.
- M.6.2 For all other ETTU Youth Championships the following applies:
- M.6.2.1 Seeding lists shall be prepared by the Chairman of the Ranking Committee.
- M.6.2.2 Seeding lists for team events shall be made by adding for each team the ranking points on the current and relevant European Ranking List of the highest ranked players nominated for that event. For a team event using the New Swaythling Cup System, the 3 highest ranked players for a team event using the Corbillon Cup System, the 2 highest ranked players shall be taken into account. Associations entering more than one team have to state on the entry form, which players will play in which team.
- M.6.2.3 Seeding lists for Junior and Cadet singles shall be based on the last available relevant European ranking lists.
- M.6.2.4 Seeding for doubles events shall be based on the total number of points of the 2 players forming a pair.
- M.6.2.5 Seeding for the second stage in singles shall be based on the results of the first stage. If a seeded player does not finish first in his group, his second stage seeding position shall be taken by the winner of that group.
- M.6.2.6 The chairman of the Ranking Committee shall have the right to seed unranked players or teams deserving special consideration.

**M.7 JURY**

- M.7.1 The Jury shall consist of the ETTU Technical Delegate or the Youth Committee Delegate, one representative of the organising Association, one representative of the participating Associations and the Referee or his Deputy.
- M.7.2 The Chairman of the Jury shall be the representative of the organising Association.
- M.7.3 All members of the Jury shall have the right to speak and to vote.

**M.8 RESULTS**

- M.8.1 Within 3 days of the completion of the championships a copy of all results shall be sent to the ETTU Secretariat, to the Chairman of the Ranking Committee, to the Chairman of the Youth Committee and to the Press Official.

**M.9 REFEREES and UMPIRES**

- M.9.1 Latest 4 months before the event, the Organising Association shall send to the ETTU Umpires and Referees Committee that will verify and transfer to the Secretary General, the proposal for appointing a Referee and one or more Deputy Referees. At least, one referee must be from a foreign association. All referees shall be International Referees and shall arrive the day before the start of the event.
- M.9.2 The organiser will provide umpires for all classes and stages of the event. At least 1/2 of the total number of umpires needed shall be International Umpires from at least 3 different ETTU member Associations. The Organising Association shall send to the Associations the written invitation no later than 3 months before the event. For all matches during the tournament the umpires shall be from Associations other than those of the players in the match.
- M.9.3 All invited foreign officials shall receive free hospitality and a daily allowance equivalent to 15 €.

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# O ATHLETES COMMISSION

## ATHLETES COMMISSION

Pursuant to the recommendation of the IOC 2000 Reform Commission that “*athletes should be well represented at all levels of the sports movement*”, the IOC encourages IFs to form their own athletes’ commissions.

### O.1. MISSION

The mission of the ETTU Athletes’ Commission (hereafter “Commission”) is to represent the views of the athletes and make their voice heard within the ETTU.

### O.2. OBJECTIVES

- O.2.1 The objectives of the Commission are to
  - O.2.1.1 Consider issues related to athletes and provide advice to the ETTU
  - O.2.1.2 Represent the rights and interests of athletes and to make related recommendations
  - O.2.1.3 Maintain contact with the ITTF Athletes’ Commission, EOC and EPC Athletes’ Commissions.
- O.2.2 The Commission shall have the following specific tasks and activities:
  - O.2.2.1 to establish a means of seeking athletes’ opinion on issues of major importance in TT through as wide a network of enquiry as possible;
  - O.2.2.2 to keep the ETTU EB regularly informed of athlete opinion on issues of major importance in TT;
  - O.2.2.3 to report to the EB on organisational issues that may arise in connection with athlete participation at the different competitions organised under the ETTU umbrella;
  - O.2.2.4 to provide opinions on specific issues of athlete interest that may be entrusted to it by the ETTU;
  - O.2.2.5 to promote a “healthy image” and “fairplay” including anti-doping, anti-corruption and illegal betting;
  - O.2.2.6 to be the link between active athletes and ETTU
  - O.2.2.7 to liaise and consult with other Committees and Commissions, where appropriate;
  - O.2.2.8 to contribute to the promotion and fostering of the European and worldwide development of TT.

### O.3. COMPOSITION OF THE COMMISSION

- O.3.1 The Commission is composed of 5 members:
  - O.3.1.1 4 athletes elected during the European Championships
  - O.3.1.2 1 athlete elected during the PTT EC
- O.3.2 They must be at least 16 years of age and have never been sanctioned for a doping offence.
- O.3.3 It will not be possible to have more than 1 representative of the same National Association, except the Para TT representative who may come from the same association as another member of the Athletes Commission.

O.3.4 The term of office is 4 years. It may be renewed. Inactive members may be replaced after 1 year. A minimum 75% of the members must vote in favour of replacing an inactive member provided that such member has had an opportunity to present reasons for their inactivity. Such inactive member shall be replaced by the athlete who placed next on the results of the election, if still available, provided that he or she shall not come from an association already represented on the Commission and that the gender representation is maintained.

**O.4. ELECTED MEMBERS**

O.4.1 Elections: the athletes in collaboration with ETTU organise the election on the occasion of the:

O.4.1.1 European Championships (EC)

O.4.1.2 The PTT European Championships (PTT EC) in the year following the election of the ETTU EB. The first elections will be held in 2013 at the EC in Vienna and PTT EC in Lignano. Then the next elections will be held in 2017 and every 4 years thereafter.

O.4.2 Organisation of elections: in cooperation with the athletes' commission the ETTU Secretariat will send the information to all European NAs.

O.4.2.1 Eligibility criteria: candidates must meet the following criteria:

- a) must be nominated by his/her NA prior to the EC and PTT EC where the election takes place and having participated at the previous EC and PTT EC during the period of the last 4 years.
- b) must be 16 years of age at the time the election takes place
- c) must not have been sanctioned for a doping offence or illegal betting
- d) must have been selected by his/her NA
- e) a NA may present up to 2 candidates

The eligibility of each candidate is decided and confirmed by the EB.

O.4.2.2 Presentation and submission of candidatures:

To be admissible, the candidature proposal must include the following documents and be received by the ETTU by the date set in the invitation:

- a) a candidature form, duly signed by the candidate and the President of his/her NA
- b) a complete biography form
- c) a recent passport photo

O.4.2.3 Election process

- a) Electorate: all athletes taking part in the EC and PTT EC have the right to vote
- b) Information: the ETTU will publish an election leaflet which presents all the candidates and gives general information on the elections (dates, locations, voting procedure etc.)
- c) Voting procedure: is described in the election manual and shall in any case comply with the following principles:
  - each player has one vote
  - the vote must be exercised in person and by secret ballot
  - voting by proxy or correspondence is not allowed

- abstentions, blank or spoiled votes are not taken into consideration in the calculation of the required majority.

d) Elected athletes: one male and one female athlete who obtain the highest number of votes are elected to the Commission; thereafter 2 more athletes who obtain the highest number of votes are elected to the Commission; the Para TT athlete who obtains the highest number of votes is elected to the Commission at the PTT EC.

e) Tie: in case of a tie, preference is given:

- to a candidate to balance gender equity
- finally to the highest ranked candidate in the ITTF World Ranking.

#### **O.5. CHAIR OF THE ATHLETES COMMISSION**

He /she will be proposed by the Commission to the EB.

#### **O.6. REPRESENTATION OF THE COMMISSION WITHIN THE ETTU**

O.6.1 The Chair of the Commission is a co-opted member of the EB, with no voting rights.

O.6.2 The Chair can be replaced by an AC member to attend the EB meetings.

#### **O.7. MEETING OF THE COMMISSION**

O.7.1 The Commission shall meet at least once a year before, at, or immediately after the European Championships at the same place.

O.7.2 The ETTU is responsible for ensuring, within its means, that the Commission is able to meet.

O.7.3 Travel: the ETTU is responsible for 100% of the agreed economy air fare for the Chair and for the Para TT member of the Commission should they not otherwise be at the EC.

O.7.4 Accommodation: the ETTU is responsible to provide full board accommodation for the Chair and for the Para TT member of the Commission for the official dates stated in the invitation to the meeting.

O.7.5 The working language of the Commission will be English.

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## **Y YOUTH OLYMPIC QUALIFICATION TOURNAMENT**

### **Y.1 AUTHORITY FOR ORGANISATION**

- Y.1.1 The tournament – girls and boys singles only - shall be organised by **one** member Association appointed by the ETTU.
- Y.1.2 Application procedure and decision
- Y.1.2.1 Any Association wishing to organise the championships shall send a written application to the General Secretary.
- Y.1.2.2 The following conditions have to be acknowledged:
- The closing date for applications shall be specified by the Executive Board and notified to all Associations.
  - Applications must be in line with the relevant Regulations, Directives as well as the Technical and Economic Directives.
  - All details of organisation must be included in the presentation of the venue to the Executive Board, on the basis of the directives for presentations.
- Y.1.2.3 The Regulations, the Technical and Economic Directives and the directives for presentations can be obtained from the General Secretary, who will also set the date for the presentations.
- Y.1.2.4 The Executive Board, together with the chairperson of the Youth Committee, shall appoint the organising Association, after the evaluation of the presentations held by the applicants.
- Y.1.2.5 The championships shall be organised according to the provisions of a contract between ETTU and the Host Association to be signed no later than or 18 months (starting from 2014) before the start of the event.

### **Y.2 RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS**

- Y.2.1 All international TV, Internet, equipment, advertising and marketing rights are vested in the ETTU. The exact distribution of responsibilities in these sectors shall be stated in the Technical and Economic Directives and finally laid down in the contract between ETTU and the organiser.
- Y.2.2 All gate receipts belong to the Host Association.

### **Y.3 QUALIFICATION**

- Y.3.1 The Youth Olympic Qualification Tournament shall be open to all European National Olympic Committees, which shall enter the players through the ETTU member Associations concerned.
- Y.3.2 All players shall be eligible to represent their NOC according to the IOC regulations.

### **Y.4 DATE and DURATION**

- Y.4.1 The Olympic Qualification Tournament shall be held on the dates fixed by the ETTU in accordance with the closing dates for entries to the Olympic Tournament.
- Y.4.2 The duration of the Singles Qualification Tournament will be decided together with its system of play (Y.11).
- Y.4.3 The organising Association shall submit an outline schedule to the ETTU Competition Manager for approval.



**Y.5 EVENTS**

Y.5.1 The Tournament shall include girls and boys singles.

**Y.6 LEVIES**

Y.6.1 The organising Association shall pay to the ETTU a levy of 2,000 €.

**Y.7 ENTRIES**

**Y.7.1 Numbers**

G.7.1.1 The numbers of players which may be entered by a NOC will be approved by the Executive Board and made known to all Associations not later than 12 months before the tournament.

**Y.7.2 Entry Forms**

Y.7.2.1 Entry forms shall be agreed with the General Secretary and shall include a statement to be signed by an official of the nominating NOC on behalf of its players, that they understand and accept the conditions of the tournament and that they are prepared to compete against all other players participating.

Y.7.2.2 Entry forms shall be sent by the organising Association to all member Associations not later than 3 months before the start of each tournament.

Y.7.2.3 Completed entry forms shall be sent to the ETTU not later than 2 months before its start.

Y.7.2.4 ETTU will accept only entry forms properly signed by a representative of the nominating NOC, which are received on or before the closing date.

**Y.7.3 Modification**

Y.7.3.1 The General Secretary may accept alterations of names only, if notified by a representative of the nominating Association up to 4 days before the start of the Championships with the possibility to complete, up to the first jury meeting, in case of illness or injury.

**Y.8 HOSPITALITY**

Y.8.1 The organising Association shall provide free hospitality from the evening before the tournament begins until the morning after it ends for

Y.8.1.1 the Executive Board members, the Press and Medical Officials or their deputies, the Chairpersons of the Ranking and Youth Committees, up to 2 persons of the ETTU Marketing Department and two ETTU staff members and for all invited foreign deputy referees and umpires;

Y.8.1.2 from two evenings before the tournament begins until the morning after it ends for the ETTU Competition manager and the referee.

Y.8.2 The organising Association shall provide free hospitality and reimburse the travel costs for the ETTU Competition Manager when he inspects the facilities and proposed playing conditions of the tournament.

Y.8.3 The cost of hospitality for participants of the tournament shall be agreed in advance by the Executive Board.

**Y.9 THE DRAW**

- Y.9.1 The draw for singles events shall be public and take place the day before the start of the tournament.
- Y.9.2 The draw shall be conducted by the Chairperson of the Youth Committee.
- Y.9.3 The Executive Board shall determine the European ranking lists to be used as the basis for the seeding list for singles events.

**Y.10 JURY**

- Y.10.1 The Jury shall consist of the Chairmen of the Ranking and Youth Committees, a representative of the organising Association, of the Referee or his deputy, and the ETTU Competition Manager.
- Y.10.2 The Chairperson of the Jury shall be the Chairperson of the Youth Committee.
- Y.10.3 The Jury shall meet on the eve of the tournament and at any other time when necessary.
- Y.10.4 All members of the Jury shall have the right to speak and to vote, except the ETTU CM, who has the right to speak but not to vote.

**Y.11 SYSTEM OF PLAY**

- Y.11.1 Please see the attached annex 1

**Y.12 OLYMPIC REGULATIONS**

- Y.12.1 The organising Association and all participants shall observe all special regulations for Olympic Qualification Tournament agreed by the ETTU or the ITTF with the IOC.

**Y.13 TROPHIES and AWARDS**

- Y.13.1 There are no official ETTU trophies or awards.

**Y.14 FLAGS and ANTHEMS**

- Y.14.1 If flags or national anthems are used they shall be those of the countries of the NOC to which belong the players taking part in the tournament.

**Y.15 REFEREES and UMPIRES**

- Y.15.1 Latest 5 months before the event, the Organising Association shall send to the ETTU Umpires and Referees Committee the proposal for appointing a Referee. Latest 4 months before the event, the ETTU Umpires and Referees Committee shall send to the Secretary General for the Executive Board's approval the proposal for appointing the Referee and one Deputy Referee. At least, one referee must be from a foreign Association. All referees shall be International Referee from an ETTU Member Association and shall arrive the day before the start of the event.

Y.15.2 All umpires shall be International Umpires. At least 1/3 of the total number of umpires needed shall be from foreign ETTU member Associations. The organising Association shall send to the ETTU Umpires and Referees Committee no later than 4 months before the event, the proposal for appointing umpires.

For all matches during the tournament, the umpire and the assistant umpire shall be from Associations other than those of the players in the match.

Y.15.3 All invited foreign officials shall receive a daily allowance equivalent to 15 €.

**Y.16 FACILITIES**

Y.16.1 The organising Association shall ensure free access to any part of the playing hall for all persons mentioned in Y.8.1.1 and Y.8.1.2 and shall provide them with preferential seats throughout the Tournaments.

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# Y YOUTH OLYMPIC QUALIFICATION TOURNAMENT

## SYSTEM OF PLAY:

1. The competition shall be played in three (3) different stages:
 

Stage 1	Friday	1 <sup>st</sup> day	group matches (8 groups with 3, 4 or 5 players)
Stage 2	Saturday	2 <sup>nd</sup> day	“knock-out” system
Stage 3	Sunday	3 <sup>rd</sup> day	“knock-out” system

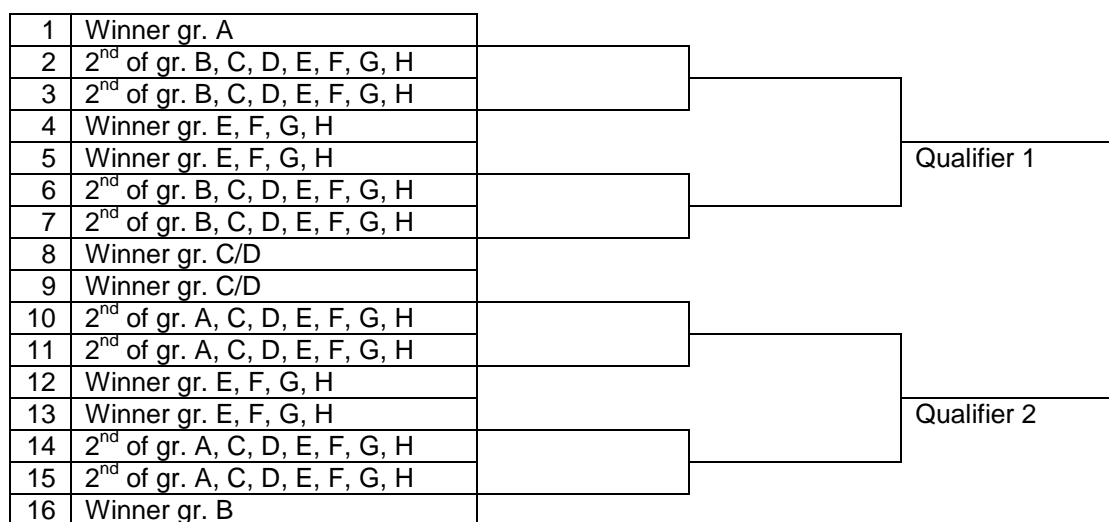
### 2. STAGE 1 ( Friday – 1<sup>st</sup> day)

- 2.1 Participating players shall be spread into 8 groups (A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H) in accordance with the last available World Ranking list.
- 2.2 The players ranked 1 – 8 shall be placed in descending ranking order respectively at the top of the groups A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H.
- 2.3 The remaining players shall be drawn 2 by 2 among the 8 groups taking into account the “snake system” rule.
- 2.4 The first and second ranked player from each group will qualify for the second day DRAW “A”
- 2.5 The third and fourth ranked player from each group will qualify for the second day DRAW “B”. The player eventually ranked fifth in a group finishes his/her participation at this tournament.

### 3. STAGE 2 (Saturday - 2<sup>nd</sup> day)

#### 3.1 DRAW “A”

In stage 2 the progressive knockout system will be used in order to determine the final position for every player, with the exception of a match for position 1 and 2. The winner of group A goes to position 1, the winner of group B goes to position 2, the winners of groups C and D will be drawn among positions 8 and 9, the winners of the groups E, F, G, H will be drawn among positions 4, 5, 12, and 13. The players finishing in position 2 of the first stage groups shall be drawn by lot into the remaining places but in the opposite half to the winners of their initial group (see diagram, which also shows the method for seeding and drawing).



The finalists of the Draw “A” become **Qualifier 1 and Qualifier 2** to for YOG 2010. The remaining 14 players will be drawn into DRAW “C” of the qualification.

#### 3.2 DRAW “B”

In stage 2 the progressive knockout system will be used in order to determine the final position for every player, with the exception of a match for position 1 and 2. The players finishing in position 3 of the first stage groups will be drawn randomly into DRAW “B”. The players finishing in position 4 of the first stage groups shall be drawn by lot into the remaining places but in the opposite half to the winners of their initial group (see diagram, which also shows the method for seeding and drawing).

1	3 <sup>rd</sup> of gr. A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H		
2	4 <sup>th</sup> of gr. A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H		
3	4 <sup>th</sup> of gr. A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H		
4	3 <sup>rd</sup> of gr. A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H		
5	3 <sup>rd</sup> of gr. A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H		
6	4 <sup>th</sup> of gr. A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H		Qualified for DRAW C on 3 <sup>rd</sup> day
7	4 <sup>th</sup> of gr. A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H		
8	3 <sup>rd</sup> of gr. A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H		
9	3 <sup>rd</sup> of gr. A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H		
10	4 <sup>th</sup> of gr. A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H		
11	4 <sup>th</sup> of gr. A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H		
12	3 <sup>rd</sup> of gr. A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H		
13	3 <sup>rd</sup> of gr. A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H		
14	4 <sup>th</sup> of gr. A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H		Qualified for DRAW C on 3 <sup>rd</sup> day
15	4 <sup>th</sup> of gr. A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H		
16	3 <sup>rd</sup> of gr. A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H		

The winner and runner-up of the DRAW "B" will qualify for the DRAW "C" to be played on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of the qualifications.

#### 4. STAGE 3 (Sunday - 3<sup>rd</sup> day)

##### 4.1 DRAW "C"

The fourteen (14) remaining players from DRAW "A" and the 2 qualified players from DRAW "B" will play in a single knock-out system DRAW "C". The semi-finalists of the DRAW "A" will go to position N° 1 and position N° 16 of the DRAW "C". All remaining players will be drawn randomly to the free positions.

The finalists of DRAW "C" will be the **Qualifier 3 and the Qualifier 4** to the YOG.

The losers of the semi-final matches of the DRAW "C" will play an additional match to determine the positions of the first and second substitute.

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