EUROPEAN TABLE TENNIS UNION

EUROPE TROPHY D I R E C T I V E S 2022/2023

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The Europe Trophy, hereinafter referred to as "<u>the Event</u>", shall be organised according to the ETTU Regulations applicable for the Event, i.e. Chapter "J" for men and "K" for women, of the ETTU Handbook.

The following directives provide a supplementary framework to the European Club Competitions (ECC) regulations "J" and "K" and must be followed by all participating Clubs. A club failing to do this shall be fined by the Club Competition Official and eventually made liable for the payment of all documented and undisputed damages claimed by ETTU.
The directives may be reviewed and amended in line with the decisions of the ETTU Executive Board to reflect updates to the general organisation and planning of the European Club Competitions.

1. PARTIES INVOLVED

- ETTU – European Table Tennis Union, (Secretary General (ETTU/SG)).
- The Clubs participating in the Event.
- The Club Competition Official.

2. QUALIFICATION AND REGISTRATION

2.1   The Europe Trophy shall be open for the clubs/teams according to the European Club Competition seeding list (except seeded 1-16 teams) based on the results of the clubs from the last 3 European Club Competitions' seasons and to all other clubs/teams which are under the jurisdiction of any ETTU member Association.
Result points allocation: from the 2019-2020 season 20%, 2020-2021 season 30% and 2021-2022 season 50%.

Points allocation:

Champions League winner	1000
Champions League runner up	800
Champions League SF	600
Europe Cup winner	500
Champions League QF (starting season 2022-2023 CL stage 2 group 2nd for men only)	400
Europe Cup runner up	300
Europe Cup SF	250
Europe Cup QF/CL stage 2 Group 3rd	200
Europe Trophy Grand Final winner	190
Europe Trophy Grand Final runner up	180
Champions League stage 2 Group 4th	170
Europe Cup R4	150
Europe Trophy Grand Final third	130
Europe Trophy Grand Final participant	120
Europe Cup R3	100
Europe Trophy Regional winner	90
Europe Trophy Regional runner up	70
Europe Cup R2 (3rd)	60
Europe Trophy Regional stage 2 qualifier	50
Europe Cup R2 (4th)	40
Europe Trophy Regional stage 1 runner up	30
Europe Cup R1 (3rd)	20
Europe Trophy Regional stage 1 participant	15
Europe Cup R1 (4th)	10
Europe Cup R1 (5th)	5

*Only the points for the highest result will be allocated (example: a Europe Trophy Grand Final winner will receive 190 points but not in addition the 90 points for winning the Europe Trophy region).

The Europe Trophy Grand Final winner automatically qualifies for the Europe Cup in the following season.

In case of equality in total points for clubs/teams in important positions at the seeding, the most recent result will decide, if equal the result in the previous season, if still equal the result in the season before that. If still equal, a draw by lot will be done.
There is no limitation of teams per national Association for participation in the Europe Trophy.

2.2   A club/team wishing to enter the Europe Trophy shall register through the entry form on or before the deadline.
Deadline for clubs' team registration / confirmation of participation: 26.7.2022.
Deadline for players' registration: 4.8.2022.
Deadline for the additional informations (club's details): 10.8.2022.

The national Associations and the registered teams will be notified of all teams registered and the national Associations shall inform ETTU within 48 hours after receipt in case of any irregularity of a registered club.

2.3   The registered clubs/teams except the teams being relegated from the Europe Cup shall pay to the ETTU bank account the following entry fee within 7 days upon reception of the final seeding list and invoice:
250 €.

2.4   Clubs with any debts stemming from ETTU Club competitions (ECC) will be unable to participate.
Clubs wishing to participate in the ECC will only be accepted if the entry fees are transferred to the ETTU bank account according to article 2.3.

2.5   Participating clubs and their national Associations are responsible for any act or failure to act by the club, its players and officials with regards to finances, behaviour and fair play.

2.6   Only in case ETTU cancels the whole Europe Trophy, clubs shall receive full refund of their paid Europe Trophy entry fee.

2.7   The competition shall be conducted by the ETTU Secretary General, whose authority shall include changing dates and venues of matches whenever needed.

3   COMPOSITION OF TEAMS AND ELIGIBILITY

3.1   A club/team shall nominate 6 – 12 players on or before the deadline for players' registration. Clubs/teams are encouraged to nominate as many players as possible (up to the maximum of 12) as late player nomination(s) may only be accepted by ETTU in case of a force majeure.

3.2   A club/team can register up to 3 non-European* players. In a team match up to 1 non-European* player is entitled to play but the second/third non-European* player, if given, can be only nominated as "reserve player" for replacing the other non-European* player.

3.3.   To define player nationality, ETTU will use the nationality as provided by the players' passports.

3.4.   In case a player starts the competition as a non-European* player and his/her nationality changes during the playing season he/she shall nonetheless continue to be considered as a non-European* player up to the end of the current playing season.

3.5   A player shall compete only for one team, participating in ETTU club competitions, in the period starting the day before the first round of the competition until the day after the last match in the competition.
That means a player may be registered for more than 1 team, in 1 or more Associations, participating in ETTU Club Competitions but the player shall only be registered for ETTU Club Competitions with 1 team.
The responsibility for player participation in competitions other than the ETTU Club Competitions remains with the national Associations and the clubs themselves.

* A non-European player is a player with a nationality outside ETTU member Associations' countries.

4. PLAYING FORMAT

4.1 The teams relegated from the Europe Cup and all registered Europe Trophy teams shall play each stage in a group format defined by ETTU depending on the number of registered teams and hosts.

The teams may apply to host a group on or before the registration deadline and host of each group will be confirmed by ETTU, decision at ETTU's discretion.

4.2 Depending on the entries, 1 or 2 regional stages will be played before the Grand Final stage and ETTU will confirm the format for each region and group.

4.3 ETTU shall define the regions after the registration deadline.

4.4 Each regional winner qualifies for the Europe Trophy Grand Final. Depending on the number of regions and teams, regional runners up may qualify to the Europe Trophy Grand Final as well. ETTU shall confirm after the registration deadline.

4.5 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.

4.6 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 individual matches, 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.

4.7 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 4.5 and 4.6.

4.8 If 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. The Referee shall do the draw by lot after the end of the team matches with at least the team captains present and inform the ETTU without delay.

5. PLAYING SYSTEM

5.1 The playing system shall be the New Swaythling Cup system (best of 5 singles) and in each individual match, the 5th game (set) shall start at 0:0 and play until the first player reaches 6 points (sudden death point at 5:5). In the 5th game (set) each player shall serve only once in a row and there will be no change of ends in the 5th game (set).

5.2 A team shall consist of 3 or 4 players.

It is recommended that a team always arrives at a match with at least 4 eligible players to reduce the risk of walk overs in case player(s) get ill/injured shortly before the match start.

This recommendation is based on a requirement for fair play towards the Europe Trophy, the opponent clubs, spectators, media and the Table Tennis sport.

A team will lose by walk over (WO) in case the team has less than 2 players ready to play.

5.3 All individual matches (singles) of a same team match shall be played on the same table.

5.4 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.

In all group stages a draw will be made by the Referee or umpire in order to define which team is A and B.

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.

6. THE DRAW
6.1   The draws, if needed, for each stage and region shall be made by ETTU and all teams participating will be informed of the outcome of the draws.
ETTU will confirm before each draw the draw procedure.

7. FIXTURES
7.1   The competition shall be held each season according to a schedule published by ETTU.
Round 1: 25-27.11.2022
Round 2: 27-29.1.2023
Grand Final: 17-19.3.2023

8. COMPETITION HALLS, EQUIPMENT AND PLAYING CONDITIONS
8.1   There shall be a playing hall, with preferably a seating capacity of minimum 50 and which is large enough to accommodate at least two (2) playing courts (tables), in a playing area of at least 14 m long, 7 m wide and 4 m high plus sufficient practice tables.
8.2   The host has to put on disposal to their guest teams a bench or chairs behind the playing court for up to 6 persons.
8.3   All matches shall be played on ITTF approved floor mats or on a multisports floor.
8.4   The light intensity shall not be less than 600 LUX over the table.
8.5   The temperature in the playing area shall be between 18° C and 25° C.
8.6   The host shall notify ETTU and their guest teams about the brands and colours of the table, net assembly and ball.
8.8   The Europe Trophy opts out from ITTF Regulations for International Competitions for advertisements on players' clothing to allow more space on clothing for advertisement.
Opting out is only for the sizes and total number of advertisements.
8.9   Teams shall bring 2 sets of playing clothing (shirts), with a clear difference in the main colour, to use for the matches. In case 2 teams wish to use a shirt with no clear difference in colour and if there is no agreement between the teams, the Referee or umpire will draw the shirt to be used for each team by lot.
8.10   Background shall be kept dark.
8.11   Only ITTF approved table tennis equipment (table, net, ball etc) shall be used.

9. HYGIENIC GUIDELINES
9.1   Participants arriving are obliged to follow the host's national and local hygienic guidelines and regulations.
9.2   If participants are reported to not comply with the host's national and local hygienic guidelines and regulations, they may be withdrawn from the competition and the respective team may in addition be financially sanctioned by ETTU.

10. PRACTICE
The host shall enable each team equal practice possibilities.

11. RESULTS
The Referee confirms the final results to all participating teams and will send by e-mail to ETTU (result@ettu.org and press@ettu.org) a copy of the results sheet.

12.   ACCOMMODATION / HOSPITALITY / TRANSPORTATION / MEALS / VISAS

12.1   The hosts in the regional stages shall make an offer on hospitality (full board) and transportation package.
Each team is free to accept or refuse the offer. A team refusing the offer from the host shall arrange and take on its own cost and responsibility for its hospitality and transportation and shall pay to the host a fee of total 100€ for their team's duration of the stay.

12.2   The host(s) of the Grand Final shall make an offer as under 12.1 and decide together with ETTU on the fee for each team not using the host's official package.

12.3   All costs shall be paid by each team before arrival or latest at the arrival day in order to be accepted participation.

12.4   The host shall always reply to communication with its visiting teams and with ETTU within 48 hours and provide with invitation letters if required and further support.

13.   REFEREES AND UMPIRES

13.1   The host shall appoint sufficient umpires and propose them to the ETTU URC for approval. The Referee (International Umpire) shall be nominated by the host and has to be approved by ETTU URC.
The Referee and umpires shall receive from the host a daily allowance for each competition day and their travel costs including full board according to the host's national Association requirements but at least with the following rates:
Referee: 60 euros per competition day
Umpires: 30 euros per competition day

13.2   In emergency cases, other umpires present at the match may replace the missing nominated umpires, one of them taking over the duty as Referee. The host shall contact ETTU and ETTU must approve the "emergency umpire team".

13.3   The appointed Referee has the following responsibilities:
- conduct the team matches
- avoid early and late match start (punctual start)
- collect the team line up from team captains latest 40 minutes before the first match starts
- send the results and score sheets after completion of the group stage to result@ettu.org and to press@ettu.org and within 72 hours after the match(es) the Referees report to urc@ettu.org and to result@ettu.org

14.   GENERAL COMMUNICATION

To guarantee a smooth running of the Europe Trophy, all participating clubs must reply to all organisational and communication requests from ETTU latest within 48 hours.

15.   MEDIA AND MARKETING

15.1.1   The ETTU holds the following rights for every team match within the Europe Trophy:

- -any kind of Television transmission
- -Internet Broadband Streaming
- -IPTV and Data & Scoring Rights (live, delayed and excerpts)
- -Mobile devices rights and Radio rights
- -the event's marketing and equipment rights

15.1.2   In case a host wishes to make TV or online stream production of the matches, ETTU will grant permission free of charge under the condition that ETTU receives the uplink signal for free as well. In addition, ETTU may impose a geo-block of the signal.

15.2   **PHOTOGRAPHS**
Participating clubs shall provide ETTU upon request with photographs free of rights:

- Team Photograph
- Photographs of each player and coach
- Logo of the club

15.3   **PLAYING CLOTHING**
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15.4   **MARKETING / BRANDING**
Each club/team shall use in any communication and promotional article or material the correct naming of the competition i.e. Europe Trophy.

16.   TROPHIES and AWARDS
Each regional Europe Trophy winner will receive the appropriate trophy by ETTU.
ETTU may financially support the Europe Trophy regional winners to participate at the Europe Trophy Grand Final.
The Europe Trophy Grand Final winner will receive the appropriate trophy by ETTU.

17.   FINANCIAL CONDITIONS
17.1   The entry fee shall be paid according to Directive 2.3.

18.   PRIVACY POLICY
By registering and entering the Europe Trophy, each registered and entered person agrees and gives his/her consent to the ETTU Privacy Policy as laid down on the ETTU website https://www.ettu.org/en/about-ettu/privacy-policy/ .

19.   PENALTIES
The Clubs may be fined by the ETTU Club Competition Official for any contravention to the provision of these directives.

20.   FORCE MAJEURE
In case of "force majeure"*, ETTU may decide on any amendment to the general organisation and planning of the Europe Trophy. Such amendment may come into force also during a season.

*Force majeure is extended to the well-being and safety of all involved parties including the need to guarantee the best possible continuation of the ECC and the Europe Trophy.

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