

EUROPEAN TABLE TENNIS UNION

EUROPE TROPHY DIRECTIVES 2021/2022

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The Europe Trophy, hereinafter referred to as “the Event”, 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 according to the European Club Competition seeding list based on the results of the clubs from the last 3 European Club Competitions’ seasons and to all other clubs which are under the jurisdiction of any ETTU member Association.

Result points allocation: from the 2018-2019 season 20%, 2019-2020 season 30% and 2020-2021 season 50%.

Points allocation*	
Champions League winner	1000
Champions League runner up	800
Champions League SF	600
Europe Cup winner	500
Champions League QF	400
Europe Cup runner up	300
Europe Cup SF	250
Europe Cup QF/CL Group 3rd	200
Europe Trophy Grand Final winner	190
Europe Trophy Grand Final runner up	180
Champions League 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 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 wishing to enter the Europe Trophy shall register through the entry form on or before the deadline 21.2.2022.

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. If nothing is notified after this deadline, the club registration list shall be final.

2.3 The registered clubs except the clubs being relegated from the Europe Cup shall pay to

the ETTU bank account the following entry fee within 7 days after registration deadline:
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 The clubs and the national Associations of the clubs shall be responsible for its clubs and for their players, with respect to entry fee, discipline, nominations, eligibility and in compliance with the ETTU regulations and directives.

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 There is no restriction in clubs players imposed by ETTU. The responsibility for player participation is within each club and its national Association.

4. THE DRAW

4.1 The draws, if needed, for each stage shall be made by ETTU and all teams participating will be informed of the outcome of the draws.

5. PLAYING FORMAT

5.1 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.

5.2 Depending on the entries per region, 1, 2 or 3 stages will be played and ETTU will confirm the format for each region and group.

5.3 ETTU defined 8 regions as follows and their competition dates:

Region A: ENG SCO WAL IRL JEY GGY IMN GIB

Stage 1: 22-24.4.2022 Stage 2: 13-15.5.2022

Region B: SWE DEN NOR FIN GRL ISL FAR EST LAT LTU

Stage 1: 22-24.4.2022 Stage 2: (20-22.5.2022 tbc)

Region C: POR ESP FRA (geographically southern regions*) AND MON

Stage 1: 15-17.4.2022 Stage 2: 6-8.5.2022

Region D: NED BEL LUX FRA (geographically northern regions**) GER (geographically western regions***)

Stage 1: 15-17.4.2022 Stage 2: 20-22.5.2022

Region E: CZE GER (geographically eastern regions****) SVK HUN AUT LIE POL

Stage 1: (15-17.4.2022 tbc) Stage 2: 20-22.5.2022

Region F: CRO SLO ITA MLT SMR SUI BIH
Stage 1: 15-17.4.2022 Stage 2: (27-29.5.2022 tbc)

Region G: GRE BUL MKD SRB MNE ALB CYP KOS MDA ROU UKR
Stage 1: 8-10.4.2022 Stage 2: 27-29.5.2022

Region H: RUS BLR AZE GEO ARM TUR ISR
Stage 1: 18-20.3.2022 Stage 2: 15-17.4.2022

*Nouvelle-Aquitaine, Occitanie, Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes, Provence Alpes Côte d'Azur, Corse

**Bretagne, Normandie, Hauts de France, Grand-Est, Pays de la Loire, Centre Val de Loire, Ile de France, Bourgogne Franche Comte

***Schleswig-Holstein, Hamburg, Niedersachsen, Bremen, Nordrhein Westfalen, Hessen, Rheinland-Pfalz, Saarland, Baden-Württemberg

****Mecklenburg Vorpommern, Brandenburg, Berlin, Sachsen-Anhalt, Sachsen, Thüringen, Bayern

- 5.4 Each regional winner qualifies for the Europe Trophy Grand Final.
- 5.5 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.
- 5.6 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 games and then the ratio of wins to losses in points, as far as it is necessary to determine the ranking order.
- 5.7 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 5.3 and 5.4.
- 5.8 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. 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.

6. PLAYING SYSTEM

- 6.1 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).
- 6.2 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.
- 6.3 All individual matches (singles) of a same team match shall be played on the same table.
- 6.4 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 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.

7. FIXTURES

7.1 The competition shall be held each season according to a schedule published by ETTU.

8. COMPETITION HALLS, EQUIPMENT AND PLAYING CONDITIONS

8.1 There shall be a playing hall, with preferably a seating capacity of minimum 50 persons 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 clubs a bench or chairs behind the playing court for up to 8 persons. Neither the home club nor the guest club can have more than 8 persons there.

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 clubs 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 Background shall be kept dark.

8.10 Only ITTF approved table tennis equipment (table, net, ball etc) shall be used.

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 a copy of the results sheet.

12. ACCOMMODATION / HOSPITALITY / TRANSPORTATION / MEALS / VISAS

12.1 The host 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 50€ for their team's duration of the stay.

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

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

Umpires: 30 euros per competition.

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".

13.6 The appointed Referee has the following responsibilities:

- conduct the team matches
- collect the team line up from team captains latest 40 minutes before the first match starts
- send the results after completion of the group stage to ETTU

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

15.1.1

- -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 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.

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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.
