

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 from the organising Association a daily allowance in accordance with ITTF Directives for Match Officials.

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.
