

X EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS (Mixed Doubles Event)

X.1 AUTHORITY FOR ORGANISATION

- X.1.1 The Championships shall be organised by one member Association appointed by the ETTU.
- X.1.2 Application procedure and decision
- X.1.2.1 Any Association wishing to organise the Championships shall send a written application to the General Secretary.
- X.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.
- X.1.2.3 Regulations, Technical and Economic Directives and directives for presentations can be obtained from the General Secretary, who will also set the date for the presentations.
- X.1.2.4 The Executive Board, together with the chairman of the Technical Committee, shall appoint the organising Association, after the evaluation of presentations held by the applicants.
- X.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 **18 months** before the start of the event (starting with the 2011 edition).

X.2 RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS

- X.2.1 All international TV, TV-Live streaming on 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.
- X.2.2 All gate receipts belong to the Host Association.

X.3 QUALIFICATION

- X.3.1 The Championships shall be open to all Member Associations whose subscriptions are not in arrears.
- X.3.2 All players shall be eligible to represent their Associations in accordance with the provisions of article B.10.

X.4 DATE AND DURATION

- X.4.1 The Championships shall be held every year in autumn over a period of 3 days.
- X.4.2 The organising Association shall submit an outline playing schedule to the Chairman of the Technical Committee for approval within 3 days after the closing date for entries.

X.5 SYSTEM OF PLAY

- X.5.1 The Championships shall consist of a mixed doubles event, which shall be played on group and knock-out system.
- X.5.2 Up to the quarter finals matches will be determined by the best of 5 games, quarter-, semi- and final matches by the best of 7 games.
- X.5.3 There shall be not more than 64 places in the 1st round proper.
- X.5.4 Qualification shall be in groups of 3 to 8 players.

X.6 ENTRY FEES AND LEVIES

- X.6.1 The entry fees paid to the organising Association shall be 20 € for a doubles pair.
- X.6.2 There shall be a levy of **2,500** € on the organising Association.
- X.6.3 The relevant entry fees must be paid to the Organising Committee together with the submission of entries to this event.
Associations having players entered but failing to arrive at the event without notification in writing to the Organisers and the ETTU prior to the fixed deadline will be fined by the ETTU General Secretary with an amount of up to 5,000 € and entry into the next Mixed Doubles 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 is submitted.
- X.6.4 Entry fees and other pre-payment will not be refunded if an Association fails to arrive at the Championships.

X.7 ENTRIES**X.7.1 Number of Players**

- X.7.1.3 The organising Association shall be entitled to enter up to 5 men and 5 women players; any other Association shall be entitled to enter up to 4 men and 4 women players.

X.7.2 Entry Forms

- X.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 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.

- X.7.2.2 Entry forms shall be sent by the Organising Association to all member Associations no later than 3 months before the start of the Championships.
- X.7.2.3 Completed entry forms shall be sent to ETTU Secretariat no later than 2 months before the start of the Championships.
- X.7.2.4 The General Secretary may accept only entry forms signed by a representative of the nominating Association, which have been received on or before the closing date; under no circumstances may they accept entries other than formal nominations by an eligible Association.

X.7.3 Modification

- X.7.3.1 The General Secretary may accept modified entries only if notified by a representative of the nominating Associations and only up to the dead-line fixed in the prospectus (usually 4 days before the start of the Championships) with the possibility to complete, up to the first jury meeting, the team in case of illness or injury.
- X.7.3.4 A player may be allowed to pair with the partner of an absent, ill or injured player in the event, provided he is not already entered with a partner who is present and fit to play.

X.8 HOSPITALITY

- X.8.1 The organising Association shall cover 50% of the cost of hospitality from the evening before the Championships begin until the morning after they end for
 - X.8.1.1 4 players and 2 coaches of an Association having at least 8 players participating;
 - X.8.1.2 3 players and 1 coach of an Association having at least 6 players participating;
 - X.8.1.3 1 men player, 1 women player and 1 coach of an Association having at least 4 players participating.
- X.8.2 The organising Association shall provide free hospitality from the evening before the Championships begin until the morning after they end for
 - X.8.2.2 the Executive Board members, the Technical Committee Chairman, Press and Medical Officials or their deputies, the Competition Manager and 3 ETTU staff members;
 - X.8.2.3 all invited foreign referees and umpires.
- X.8.3 The organising Association shall provide free hospitality for all referees and umpires from the evening two days before the Championships begin until the morning after they end, plus the travel expenses.
- X.8.4 The costs of hospitality for persons not entitled to free hospitality, totally or partly, shall be agreed at least one year in advance by the Executive Board, and shall be subject to a contract between ETTU and the organising member Association.

X.8.5 Participating Associations have to use the accommodation provided by the organiser. The hospitality costs include: accommodation in a high level hotel (checked by the 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.

X.8.6 The organising Association shall provide free hospitality and reimburse the travel costs for ETTU Officials when inspecting the facilities and proposed playing conditions of the Championships and when conducting the draw.

X.8.7 Cancellation fees

X.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.

X.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 50 % of the hospitality costs for every person and for the whole period this (these) person(s) was (were) initially nominated.

X.9 THE DRAW

X.9.1 The draw shall take place the evening before the Championships start.

X.9.2 For the event, no entry will be accepted after the dead-line fixed in the prospectus.

X.9.5 Representatives of Associations participating shall be entitled to attend the draw, which shall be conducted by the Chairman of the Technical Committee.

X.9.7 Seeding shall be done on the basis of a seeding list prepared by the Ranking Committee.

X.10 JURY

X.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.

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

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

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

X.11 TROPHIES

- X.11.1 The organising Association shall provide new trophies for winners of each Championships.
- X.11.2 Trophies, medals and plaques shall be presented by representatives of the ETTU and of the organising Association to the winners, runners-up and losing semi-finalists.

X.12 FLAGS AND ANTHEMS

- X.12.1 At award ceremonies the national flags of winners, runners-up and losing semi-finalists shall be raised and the national anthems of the winners shall be played.

X.13 REFEREES AND UMPIRES

- X.13.1 The ETTU Umpires and Referees Committee shall send to the General Secretary for the Executive Committee's approval a proposal for appointing a Referee and one or more Deputy Referees; all these officials shall be International Referees from an ETTU Member Association and at least one from the Organising Association. All referees shall arrive at the venue two days before the Championships begin.
- X.13.2 All umpires shall be International Umpires from an ETTU Member Association and at least 1/3 of the total from foreign Associations. The organising Association shall send to the General Secretary for the ETTU Umpires and Referees Committee's approval, a list of the invited umpires no later than 4 month before the event. For all matches the umpires shall be from Associations other than those of the players involved in the match.
- X.13.3 All invited foreign officials shall receive a daily allowance equivalent to 15 €.

X.14 PROGRAMME BROCHURE

- X.14.1 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.

X.15 FACILITIES

- X.15.1 The organising Association shall ensure free access to any part of the playing hall for all persons mentioned in C.8.1.2.2 and shall provide them with preferential seats throughout the Championships.
- X.15.2 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, including interpreters where necessary.

- X.15.3 During the Championships an area with seats shall be specifically allocated to team doctors and/or physiotherapists close to the playing area.
- X.15.4 The organiser shall provide to the medical teams one or several safety lockers in the sport hall.
