

EUROPEAN TABLE TENNIS UNION a.s.b.l.



TECHNICAL DIRECTIVES

The European Champions League, hereinafter referred to as “the Event”, shall be organised according to the ETTU Regulations applicable for the Event, i.e. Chapter “J” of the ETTU Handbook.

In addition to these Regulations, the following requirements must be respected and fulfilled.

1. PARTIES INVOLVED

- ETTU – European Table Tennis Union, (General Secretary (ETTU/GS).
- The Clubs, participating in the event.

2. SPORT FACILITIES:

2.1 HALLS

2.1.1 There shall be a playing hall, with a seating capacity of at least 1,000 - 3,000 persons. and which is large enough to accommodate one (1) playing court (table), in a playing area of 16 x 8 m.

2.1.2 Every club participating in the ECL has to set up a main court, proposed by ETTU, at its own expenses in a playing area of 16 m long, 8 m wide and 5 m high.

2.1.1 Lighting

The lighting level shall be at least eight hundred (800) LUX over the table. The lighting sources have to be fixed at least five (5) meters above the floor, vertically above the playing area.

The background shall be kept dark. Daylight coming in through windows or other openings or apertures is strictly forbidden.

2.1.2 Flooring

The floor of the playing court shall be a non-slippery, ITTF approved red plastic sheeting (for example: TARAFLEX). Advertisement on the floor has to comply with ITTF Regulations for international competitions.

2.1.3 Heating

The temperature in all playing areas shall not be less than 16 degrees Celsius.

2.1.4 Changing Rooms

There shall be changing rooms (at least 3, 1 for each of the teams and 1 for the referee/umpires) of good standard, with enough showers and toilets and preferably with lockers for clothing.

2.1.5 **Gluing**

Adhesives containing volatile organic solvents shall not be used from 1st September 2008.

A properly ventilated area shall be provided for the attachment of racket coverings to rackets and liquid adhesives shall not be used anywhere else at the playing venue.

“Playing Venue” means the whole establishment in the playing building and the ground where the playing building stands, which contains the doorway, the parking lot and related facilities.

2.1.6. **Speaker’s platform**

A raised platform shall be arranged in the playing hall for the speakers.

A suitable speaker service shall be provided in the playing hall, during the whole duration of the match.

2.2 **PRACTICE AND PLAYING SCHEDULE**

2.2.1 **Practice**

Practise (at least 2 hours) shall be arranged for the visiting team the evening before the match is subject to be played as well as during the day of the match under the same conditions as for the match proper.

2.2.2 **Playing Schedule**

Matches shall be played according to the proposed playing schedule and on a Friday and Monday the start of the match shall not be earlier than 7,30 p.m. To postpone a match is not allowed. Associations may however agree to have the match played at an earlier date. Such a change needs to be communicated to the ETTU Secretariat latest 6 weeks before the match is supposed to be played.

3. **ACCOMMODATION / TRANSPORTATION**

3.1 **HOTEL**

The host club shall propose to the visiting club a hotel of at least 3*** stars standard. The visiting team shall arrange the accommodation of its team themselves and shall cover all costs for board and lodging respectively.

The proposed hotel shall be (single or double room with bath or shower) preferably within walking distance, but anyway not more than 20 minutes by car or bus, from the playing hall.

3.2 BOARDING / MEALS

Catering shall be provided in the hotel of accommodation.

Meal times shall be flexible and co-ordinated with the duration of the match in order to allow to the players to have still a meal after the match.

4. PRESS / MEDIA

4.1 PROGRAMME LEAFLET

It is recommended to issue a programme leaflet by the organising club for every home match.

4.2 INTERNET

If requested in due advance, every club has to make possible TV streaming service provided by the IT company of the ETTU, according to the following technical requirements:

Internet access:

1. Internet connection with Min. 2048 Kbit/s UPLOAD data rate; site.
2. Internet connection with Min 2048 Kbit/s DOWNLOAD data rate;
3. Installed router;
4. min. 5 static IP addresses;
5. Unlimited Internet traffic;
6. Director's workplace or 3 persons inside the main hall or very close to it;
7. TT cameras ->director's workplace: max 40;
8. director's workplace -> access router.: max 10 m.

Every club participating in the ECL has to provide, for every match, the ETTU LSS system (Live Score System).

4.3 FACILITIES

Phone lines and direct access to internet shall be available in the playing hall.

Media persons shall be provided with all necessary services, including special seats near the playing area and direct access to internet and phone

5. ENTRY CARDS / VIP

If requested, the Organising Club shall provide ETTU with five (5) VIP entry tickets (free of charge) for their guests, sponsors, suppliers, etc.

5.1 VIP CARE

There shall be a special VIP-room, where drinks and snacks are served to honorary guests, sponsors, suppliers, etc., free of charge.

5.2 FLAGS

The following flags shall be hoisted in the playing hall

- the flag of ETTU and to use the ETTU jingle, if provided by the ETTU in due time.

5.3 WINNER’S CEREMONY

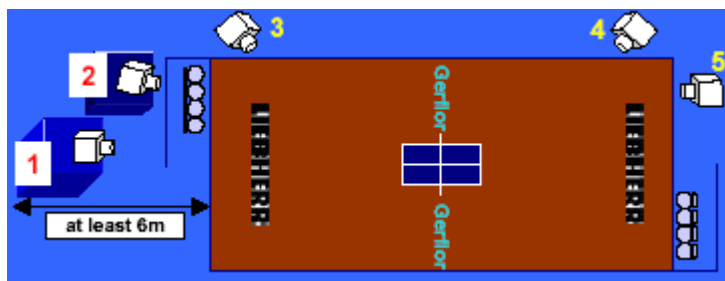
There shall be a winner’s ceremony at the end of the Event. The winner’s podium (for 14 persons) shall be separated from the spectators and from the press area.

5.4 TROPHIES and AWARDS

After the 2nd final match the winner shall receive the appropriate trophy. The winner and the runner-up shall receive medals.

6. TV COVERAGE

The TV production standard must be according to ETTU requirements (minimum 5 cameras, see diagram below):



7. PLAYERS ELIGIBILITY

- 7.1 Clubs shall send, together with the entry form, a duly signed registration form for every of its nominated players. 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.

8. SPORTING and FINANCIAL CONDITIONS set by the ETTU EXECUTIVE BOARD

8.1 Sporting conditions:

- 8.1.1 All clubs entering the ECL shall qualify through competition.
- 8.1.2 By signing the entry form the President of the Club declare, that the ITTF and ETTU regulations are accepted.
- 8.1.3 The matches shall be played according to the relevant regulations.
- 8.1.4 Recognition of the advertising regulations.
- 8.1.5 The team shall be looked after by a professional coach.
- 8.1.6 All clubs entering the ECL shall provide a copy of the club’s constitution.
- 8.1.7 All clubs have to participate with at least one representative to one meeting convened by ETTU.

8.2 Financial conditions:

- 8.2.1 The entry fee shall be paid according to the relevant regulation.
- 8.2.2 The clubs participating in the ECL shall provide a list of the team sponsors.
- 8.2.3 The clubs shall submit a copy of a budget for the previous season (financial result) as well as for the coming season.

9. PENALTIES

The Organising Club may be fined by the Club Competition Official for any contravention to the provision of these directives.
