

PROPOSITION N° 4 *(proposed by the ETTU EB)*

C EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

CA QUALIFICATION (Team Events)

CA.1 ORGANISATION

- CA.1.1 The qualification shall be played over a period of 2 years and shall be conducted by the General Secretary who shall have the right to change the dates of matches whenever needed. On the basis of a justified request from a member Association the Executive Board shall have the authority to change the venue of matches to a location situated on the territory of another Member Association.
- CA.1.2 There will be a Men's and a Women's Event, both divided into 3 Divisions:
- Championships Division
 - Challenge Division
 - Standard Division
- CA.1.3 The composition of these three divisions shall be announced no later than two (2) months after the previous European Championships.

CA.2 MARKETING REGULATIONS

- CA.2.1 The ETTU holds the following rights for every team match within the European Championships Qualification.
- CA.2.1.1 The International TV rights
- CA.2.1.2 The rights for TV/Live Streaming on Internet.
- CA.2.1.3 Whenever requested by the ETTU, each Association participating in the Qualification has to provide necessary conditions and staff for electronic transmission of each home match by a "live-ticker" system made available by the ETTU.
- The LSS service may also be provided by the Host Association using other than the ETTU's tools, but only after previous authorization by the ETTU. In any case, additional services must not replace those provided by the official ETTU web site.
- All relevant technical details are stated in the respective directives.
- CA.2.1.4 The exclusive right to appoint a titles sponsor – to be communicated at least 6 months before the start of the Qualification – plus providing advertising exposure to the title sponsor at every Qualification match.

Participating Associations have to ensure that there will be no conflict of interest between their own sponsors and the title sponsor. If these sponsors belong to the same product area, the name or logo of the Association's sponsor must not be exposed on the surrounds at any Qualification matches. Host Association must always, in any publication under their responsibility regarding the Qualification, use the correct denomination of the title sponsor. An Association failing to do this shall be fined by the ETTU General Secretary and shall be made liable for the payment of all undisputed damages claimed by title sponsor.

CA.2.1.5 The right to appoint the exclusive use of branded equipment (tables, nets, umpire's tables, scoring devices, towel boxes, balls and flooring).

The General Secretary shall notify all participating Associations not later than 3 months before the start of the League regarding the scope of such contracts.

An Association failing to use the adopted equipment shall be subject to a penalty imposed by the League conductor.

CA.2.1.6 Advertisement space on 25 % of the inner surrounds per court (see ITTF regulation 3.2.5.4).

CA.2.1.7 Advertisement space on the net (see ITTF regulation 3.2.5.8).

CA.2.1.8 Advertisement space on 2 out of 4 spots on the floor of the playing area (see ITTF regulation 3.2.5.5. and 3.2.5.6).

CA.2.2 Domestic TV rights, advertising rights other than those mentioned under 2.1 as well as gate receipts belong to the Host Association of each match.

CA.3 QUALIFICATION

CA.3.1 Each member Association without outstanding payments older than 18 months may enter 1 team in the Men's and/or 1 team in the Women's qualification.

CA.3.2 All players must be eligible to represent their Associations in accordance with the provisions of article B.10.

CA.4 ENTRIES

CA.4.1 The entry fees shall be 1500 € for a team in the Championships Division, 1000 € for a team in the Challenge Division and 500 € for a team in the Standard Division. Associations must notify the participation of their teams to the ETTU Secretariat not later than 1 month after the end of the previous EC.

CA.5 FIXTURES

- CA.5.1 Home Associations shall notify the General Secretary and the visiting Associations of the venues of matches no later than 6 weeks before the dates of matches. In the divisions where the playing equipment is not determined by an ETTU contract (CA.7.1) the home Association shall inform at the same time the visiting Association of the brands and colours of tables, nets and balls which will be used in the match concerned.
- CA.5.2 A home Association which fails to notify the General Secretary of the venue of the match 6 weeks before the scheduled date may be subject to a fine of 250 €.

CA.6 HOSPITALITY AND EXPENSES

- CA.6.1 In the Championships and Challenge Divisions the home Association shall provide free hospitality for 2 days
- for 5 persons in case 4 players and 1 coach are present;
 - for 4 persons in case 3 players and 1 coach are present.
- CA.6.1.1 In the Standard Division (but only if played in groups during one weekend) the home Association shall provide 50% of the hospitality for 3 days
- for 5 persons in case 4 players and 1 coach are present;
 - for 4 persons in case 3 players and 1 coach are present.
- CA.6.2 The ETTU appointed referees and umpires for the Championships and Challenge divisions shall receive free hospitality for 1 or 2 days, depending on the possible travel arrangements.
- CA.6.3 In the Standard Divisions, if played as a tournament, the cost of hospitality is set in a Prospectus proposed by the organising Association and approved by the Executive Board.
- CA.6.4 In all divisions the visiting Associations shall pay their own travel expenses, in case of travelling by air or rail to the nearest international airport (i.e. an international airport served by major European airlines) or international railway station to the venue. Return transport between airport or railway station and the venue is the responsibility of the home Associations.

CA.7 SYSTEM OF PLAY

- CA.7.1 There shall be 12 teams in the Championships Division, 12 teams in the Challenge Division, and all other teams shall be in the Standard Division. Teams not taking part in the Qualification will be drawn into the Standard Division of the competition proper.

CA.7.2 Championships Division:

- CA.7.2.1 The Championships Division shall be composed of
- the teams placed No 1 to 10 in the Championships Division of the competition proper of the previous EC and
 - the teams placed No 1 and 2 in the competition proper of the previous EC Challenge Division.

CA.7.2.2 Teams shall be drawn into 2 groups of 6 teams (Groups A, and B) on the basis of a special seeding list prepared by the Ranking Committee based on the total number of the ranking points of the 3 highest ranked players of each Association on the current World Ranking nominated to participate into the Qualification matches.

Championships	A	B
Division :	1	2
	3/4	3/4
	5/6	5/6
	7/8	7/8
	9/10	9/10
	1/2 CD	1/2 CD

CA.7.2.3 In each group teams will play each other in one match in order to determine a final ranking order for each group. For each team the respective home and away matches will be determined by lot at the draw.

CA.7.2.4 Teams finally placed No 1, No 2, No 3, No 4 and No 5 in their groups are qualified for the Championships Division of the competition proper of the EC. Teams finally placed 6 in their groups are relegated to the Challenge Division of the competition proper of the EC.

CA.7.3 Challenge Division:

- CA.7.3.1 The Challenge Division shall be composed of
- the teams place No 11 and 12 in the Championships Division of the competition proper of the previous EC;
 - the teams placed No 3-10 in the Challenge Division of the competition proper of the previous EC;
 - the teams placed No 1 and 2 in the Standard Division of the competition proper of the previous EC.

CA.7.3.2 Teams shall be drawn into 2 groups of 6 teams (Groups A, and B) on the basis of a special seeding list prepared by the Ranking Committee based on the total number of the ranking points of the 3 highest ranked players of each Association on the current World Ranking nominated to participate into the Qualification matches.

Challenge	A	B
Division	11 PD	12 PD
	3/4 CD	3/4 CD
	5/6 CD	5/6 CD
	7/8 CD	7/8 CD
	9/10 CD	9/10 CD
	1/2 SD	1/2 SD

CA.7.3.3 In each group teams will play each other in one match in order to determine a final ranking order for each group. For each team the respective home and away matches will be determined by lot at the draw.

CA.7.3.4 Teams finally placed No 1 will be promoted to the Championships Division in the competition proper, the teams finally placed No 6 will be relegated to the Standard Division in the competition proper.

CA.7.4 Standard Division:

CA.7.4.1 The Standard Division shall be composed of all other teams entering the qualifying competition. The group system will be used.

CA.7.4.2 Groups may be composed of 3 to 6 teams and will be played on one weekend in every playing season (altogether two weekends during the qualifying period). The venues shall be determined by the Executive Board.

CA.7.4.3 Teams shall be drawn into the groups on the basis of a special seeding list prepared by the Ranking Committee based on the total number of the ranking points of the 3 highest ranked players of each Association on the current World Ranking nominated to participate into the Qualification matches.

CA.7.4.4 When necessary, Play-off matches will be played. The home right will be drawn by lot after the end of the group matches.

CA.7.4.5 The detailed system of play will depend on the number of entries and shall be published by the General Secretary.

CA.7.4.6 If 2 or more teams have gained the same numbers 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.

CA.7.5 Match Procedure

- CA.7.5.1 A team shall consist of 3 or 4 players.
- CA.7.5.2 A match shall consist of up to 5 singles and shall be played on 1 table.
- CA.7.5.3 In all matches (except those played in a tournament, where the captains shall decide by lot the right to choose A1, A2, A3 or B1, B2, B3) the home team shall be A1,A2, A3 and the visiting team B1, B2, B3. After the second singles in a team match, player N° 4 may replace player A1 or player A2 (home team) or player B1 or B2 (away team). Such a substitution of a player must be announced by the respective team captain to the referee at the latest before the start of the third singles.
- CA.7.5.4 The order of play shall be A1 v B2, A2 v B1, A3 v B3, A1 v B1, A2 v B2 and the team match shall end when one team has won 3 individual matches, each the best of 5 games.
There shall be an interval of not more than 15 minutes after the second match
- CA.7.5.5 If a team is not complete or fails to play a team match the other team shall be considered to have won the match 3-0, with a games score of 9-0 and a point score of 99-0.
- CA.7.5.6 A team which fails to fulfil a fixture may be fined up to 3,000 €. The same penalties may be imposed on a team which refused to continue in the match until its end or whose players continued in the match, but in a way which could bring our sport to disrepute.

CA.8 EQUIPMENT

- CA.8.1 The ETTU may enter into contracts for the exclusive use of branded equipment and the General Secretary shall notify all Associations of the scope of such contracts for following competition.
- CA.8.2 25% of the advertisement space on the surrounds (the location to be fixed before every season) is property of the ETTU. The remaining 75% shall be available to the organising Association.
- CA.8.3 All Associations shall undertake to use the adopted equipment and an association which fails to do so shall be subject to a penalty.
- CA.8.4 Equipment shall be subject to approval by the Referee appointed by the ETTU. Should the adopted equipment not be used, the Referee shall declare the match a walk-over to the away team.

- CA.8.5 For every match, the home Association must provide to the equipment supplier, free of charge
- if available, exhibition and sales space (ca 12 sqm) non exclusive,
 - six entry tickets with VIP status,
 - ten entry tickets of best seating category,
 - advertisement in all publications, such as brochure, programme, leaflet (one page) and posters (logo).
- CA.8.6 For every match, the home Association must provide to the ball supplier, free of charge
- if available, exhibition and sales space (\pm 8 sqm) non exclusive,
 - two entry tickets with VIP status,
 - four entry tickets of best seating category,
 - the mention in all publications, such as brochure, programme, leaflet, poster the mention "ECQ ball supplier).

CA.9 DRESS/COLOURS

- CA.9.1 The visiting team shall notify the home team of its playing colours and the home team shall wear different colours.
- CA.9.2 In a tournament, the team drawn first for each match shall change its colours if the other team's normal colours are the same.
- CA.9.3 An Association whose players fail to observe the regulations concerning advertisements on players' clothing shall be fined on the first occasion up to 1,500 €, on following occasions up to 6,000 €.

CA.10 REFEREES AND UMPIRES

- CA.10.1 For the Championships Division qualification matches the General Secretary shall arrange for two neutral International Umpires, whereof one has to fulfil the duties of the Referee. The home Association shall provide umpires to perform the duties of assistant umpires.
- CA.10.2 The Umpires appointed by the ETTU shall receive from the home Association a daily allowance equivalent to 15 €; their travel expenses shall be reimbursed by the ETTU.
- CA.10.4 For the qualifying matches in the Challenge- and Standard Divisions the General Secretary shall arrange for 1 neutral International Umpire, who has to fulfil the duties of the Referee. The home Association shall provide the international umpires.
- CA.10.5 Immediately after a match the referee shall complete an official report form and send it to the General Secretary.

CA.11. RESULTS

- CA.11.1 Immediately after a match the home Association shall send a copy of the results sheet by fax or e-mail to the General Secretary as well as to the ETTU result service and within 3 days it shall send a copy of the official results sheet to the General Secretary.
- CA.11.2 An Association failing to report results as specified shall be liable to a fine of 250 €

CA.12 PROTESTS AND APPEALS

- CA.12.1 An Association wishing to protest about any aspect of a match shall deposit its protest before the match or immediately after the irregularity occurred to the Referee of the match, who must confirm the receipt of the protest. The protesting Association has to send the protest immediately after the match by fax to the ETTU Secretariat. A protest not sent the day of the match or not sent latest the day after the match will not be accepted. The Board of Justice shall decide on the protest within 8 days.
- CA.12.2 At the time of making a protest an Association shall send to the ETTU bank account a fee of 500 €, which will be refunded if the protest is upheld.
- CA.12.3 Any appeal against a decision on the protest shall similarly be made within 8 days of notification of the decision and must be addressed to the ETTU Secretariat. The Board of Appeal shall decide on the appeal within 8 days.
- CA.12.4 At the time of making an appeal an Association shall send to the ETTU bank account a fee of 1,000 €, which will be refunded if the protest or appeal is upheld.

CA.13 PLAYING CONDITIONS

- CA.13.1 The playing space shall not be less than 18 m long, 9 m wide and 4 m high for all matches in the Championships Division, in the remaining Division the playing space shall not be less than 14 m long, 7 m wide and 4 m high.
- CA.13.2 The minimum temperature in the hall shall not be less than 16° C.
- CA.13.3 The light intensity shall not be less than 600 LUX.
- CA.13.4 In the Championships and Challenge Division all matches shall be played on the red ITTF approved floor mats.

CA.14 TITLE SPONSORING

If a title sponsor has been appointed for the competition, the Associations shall use its correct denomination in all publications under their responsibility concerning the event.

An Association which fails to use the correct event denomination will be fined and made responsible for the payment of all undisputed damages claimed by the title sponsor.
