

CI EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS (Individual events)

CI.1 AUTHORITY FOR ORGANISATION

- CI.1.1 The championships shall be organised by one member Association appointed by the ETTU Executive Board.
In even numbered years, the championships shall include men's singles, women's singles, men's doubles, women's doubles and mixed doubles events.
- CI.1.2 Application procedure and decision
- CI.1.2.1 Any Association wishing to organise the championships shall send a written application to the Secretary General.
- CI.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 and 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.
- CI.1.2.3 The Regulations and the Directives and the directives for presentations can be obtained from the Secretary General, who will also set the date for the presentations.
- CI.1.2.4 The Executive Board shall appoint the organising Association, after the evaluation of the presentations held by the applicants.
- CI.1.2.5 The championships shall be organised according to the provisions of a contract between ETTU and the organising Association to be signed no later than 8 months before the start of the event. The organising Association shall be responsible for conducting the championships in accordance with the Laws of Table Tennis, the ITTF Regulations for International Competitions and the relevant ETTU Regulations and Directives.

CI.2 RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS

- CI.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 Directives and finally laid down in the contract between ETTU and the organising Association.
- CI.2.2 All gate receipts belong to the organising Association.

CI.3 QUALIFICATION

- CI.3.1 The championships shall be open for entry to all member Associations whose subscriptions are not in arrears.
- CI.3.2 All players shall be eligible to represent their Associations in accordance with the provisions of article B.10.

CI.4 DATE AND DURATION

- CI.4.1 The Championships shall be held between 14th September and 31st October over a period of 6 days.
- CI.4.2 The organising Association, in cooperation with the ETTU Competition Manager, shall submit an outline playing schedule to the Chair of the Technical Committee and to the Secretary General for approval no later than 6 months before the Championships.

CI.5 EVENTS

- CI.5.1 The championships shall include 5 individual events: men's singles, women's singles, men's doubles, women's doubles and mixed doubles.

CI.6 ENTRY FEES AND LEVIES

- CI.6.1 There shall be, payable to the ETTU, a levy of 25.000 € for the championships on the organising Association as well as an entry fee of 50 € for each player of participating Associations.
- CI.6.2 The relevant entry fees from the participating players must be paid to the ETTU bank account at the time of the submission of entries. Otherwise, the entries will not be accepted.
All Associations that fail to arrive at the European Championships without notification in writing to the organising Association and the ETTU will be fined by the ETTU Secretary General with an amount of up to 5,000 € and entry into the next 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.
- CI.6.3 The entry fees and levies as well as other pre-payment will not be refunded if an Association fails to arrive at the European Championships.

CI.7 ENTRIES

CI.7.1 Numbers

- CI.7.1.1 In singles events each Association shall be entitled to enter according to the results of the previous year's European Championships team events final stage and 2nd stage as follows:

Associations in positions 1-8: 5 players

Associations in positions 9-16 (2nd in final stage groups): 4 players

Associations in positions 17-24 (3rd in final stage groups): 3 players

6 best placed Associations not proceeding to the final stage (from 2nd stage groups): 3 players

All remaining Associations: 2 players

Host Association: 5 players

In case of vacant places, one place will be allocated firstly to the 14 Associations with 3 players according to the ranking positions of the Associations, secondly if there are remaining places one place will be allocated to Associations with 2 players according to the ranking positions of the Associations.

Vacant places will only be allocated to Associations that have applied for a vacant place before the relating deadline announced in the Prospectus.

The winner, runner up and losing semi-finalists of the European Under 21 Championships singles events will receive automatic places in the following European Championships (Individual events). These places will be in addition to the places each Association shall be entitled to enter according to the results of the previous year's European Championships team events.

- Cl.7.1.2 In doubles events the maximum entry for each Association shall be 4 players for men's doubles, 4 players for women's doubles and 2 men and 2 women players for mixed doubles; all players may be different. Doubles pairs may be formed by players from different Associations.

Cl.7.2 Entry Forms

- Cl.7.2.1 The Prospectus shall be agreed by the organising Association with the Secretary General and shall be distributed to all member Associations.
- Cl.7.2.2 Associations have to enter all their participants at the championships through the online entry system determined by the ETTU. The online entry system will include a statement, to be agreed by an official of the nominating Association on behalf of its players and coaches, that they understand and accept the conditions of the championships, that they are prepared to compete against all other Associations participating and that they are insured fully against illness and injury for the duration of the championships.

Cl.7.3 Modification

- Cl.7.3.1 Associations are allowed to modify their online entries (no additional entries are allowed) only up to the relating deadline announced in the Prospectus (principally 5 working days before the start of the championships). After this deadline no further changes are allowed anymore. In case of late non-availability of any player after the relating deadline the Secretary General may allow up to the first jury meeting Associations to replace a non-available player by another player. For such replacement the Association shall pay to the ETTU an administration fee of 100 € per replacement.

Cl.8 HOSPITALITY

- Cl.8.1 The organising Association shall cover 100% of the cost of hospitality, on a double occupancy basis, from the evening before the championships begin until the morning after they end for up to 3 persons (1 male player,

- 1 female player and a non-playing coach) of an Association that has entered.
- CI.8.2 The organising Association shall provide free hospitality from the evening before the ETTU Congress until the morning after the ETTU Congress for 1 delegate from each Association attending the ETTU Congress during the championships. A delegate, nominated by an Association to attend the ETTU Congress and receiving free hospitality, not attending the ETTU Congress shall be required to reimburse the organising Association.
- CI.8.3 The organising Association shall provide free hospitality from the evening before the championships begin until the morning after they end for
- CI.8.3.1 the Executive Board members, the ETTU Sub-Committee Chairs, the Club Competitions, Press and Medical Officials or their deputies, the Competition Manager, the Honorary Members and 6 ETTU staff members;
- CI.8.3.2 all invited foreign referees and umpires.
- CI.8.4 The organising Association shall provide free hospitality for all referees from the evening two days before the championships begin until the morning after they end, plus the travel expenses.
- CI.8.5 The costs of hospitality for persons not entitled to free hospitality, shall be agreed at least 6 months in advance by the ETTU Executive Board, and shall be subject to a contract between ETTU and the organising Association.
- CI.8.6 The participating Associations have to use the accommodation provided by the organising Association. The hospitality costs include: accommodation in a high level hotel (checked by 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.
- CI.8.7 The organising Association shall provide free hospitality and reimburse the travel costs for the ETTU Competition Manager when the facilities and proposed playing conditions of the championships are inspected.
- CI.8.8 Cancellation fees**
- CI.8.8.1 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 to the organising Association.
- CI.8.8.2 An Association cancelling a person of their announced delegation during the last 10 days before the championships or arriving with less persons than announced, has to pay 100 % of the hospitality costs for every person and for the whole period this person was initially nominated.
- CI.9 THE DRAW**
- CI.9.1 Representatives of Associations participating shall be entitled to attend the draw, which shall be conducted by the Referee in close cooperation with the ETTU Competition Manager.

CI.10 JURY

- CI.10.1 The Jury shall consist of the Chairs of the Ranking, Umpires and Referees, and Technical Committees or their deputies, a representative of the organising Association, the ETTU Secretary General or a representative of the Executive Board and the Referee or deputy.
- CI.10.2 The chair of the Jury shall be the Chair of the Technical Committee.
- CI.10.3 The ETTU Competition Manager may attend the Jury meetings with the right to speak but without the right to vote.
- CI.10.4 The Jury shall meet on the eve of the championships and at any other time when necessary.

CI.11 SYSTEM OF PLAY

- CI.11.1 There shall not be more than 64 places in the first round proper of a singles event nor more than 32 places in the first round proper of the men's doubles, women's doubles and mixed doubles events, unless otherwise authorised by the ETTU Executive Board.
- CI.11.2 In singles events 32 seeded players shall be directly placed in the first round proper. All remaining players shall play in a qualification stage, played in groups of maximum 4 players.
- CI.11.3 In doubles events 16 seeded pairs shall be directly placed in the first round proper. All remaining pairs shall play in a knockout qualification stage.
- CI.11.4 All singles matches in the main draw shall be the best of 7 games, all singles matches in the qualification stage shall be the best of 5 games, all men's doubles, women's doubles and mixed doubles matches shall be the best of 5 games.
- CI.11.5 All mixed doubles matches shall be the best of 5 games.

CI.12 TROPHIES AND AWARDS

- CI.12.1 Trophies for the winners of the events shall be presented, as follows:
 - CI.12.1.1 Men's Singles
 - CI.12.1.2 Women's Singles
 - CI.12.1.3 Men's Doubles
 - CI.12.1.4 Women's Doubles
 - CI.12.1.5 Mixed Doubles
- CI.12.2 The organising Association shall provide new trophies, medals and plaques.
- CI.12.3 Trophies, medals and plaques shall be presented by representatives of the ETTU and of the organising Association.

CI.13 FLAGS AND ANTHEMS

- CI.13.1 At award ceremonies the national flags of winners, runners-up and losing semi-finalists of individual events shall be raised and the national anthems of the winners shall be played.

CI.14 REFEREES AND UMPIRES

- CI.14.1 Latest 6 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 a Referee and, latest 4 months

before, for one or more Deputy Referees. All these officials shall be International Referees from an ETTU member Association. If available at least one member of the referee team shall be from the organising Association. All referees shall arrive at the venue two days before the start of the event.

- CI.14.2 All umpires shall be International Umpires. At least 1/3 of the total of umpires needed shall be from foreign ETTU member Associations. Not later than 5 months before the event, the ETTU Umpires and Referees Committee, after coordination with the organising Association, will post a call for umpires interested to officiate at the event onto the ETTU website, and will send respective invitations to all European Associations. Together with the organising Association, the ETTU Umpires and Referees Committee will set up a list of the appointed number of umpires; such decisions of the ETTU URC are final. No later than three months before the event, the ETTU shall inform the Associations about the selections and post the list onto the ETTU website. For all matches during the championships the umpires shall be from Associations other than those of the players in the match.
- CI.14.3 All invited foreign officials shall receive from the organising Association a daily allowance in accordance with ITTF Directives for Match Officials.

CI.15 PROGRAMME

- CI.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 together with the competition time schedule and competition information.

CI.16 FACILITIES

- CI.16.1 The organising Association shall ensure free access to any part of the playing hall for all the players, officials and persons mentioned in C.8.3.1 and shall provide them with preferential seats throughout the championships.
- CI.16.2 During the period of the championships the organising Association shall make available to the ETTU rooms and facilities for the Congress and committee meetings.
- CI.16.3 During the championships an area with seats shall be specifically allocated to team doctors and/or physiotherapists close to the playing area.
- CI.16.4 The organising Association shall provide first aid care for on-venue illness and injury but will not be liable for costs and expenses relating to medicines, medical care and hospital treatment. Each Association is required to insure fully its players and officials against illness and injury for the duration of the championships.

CI.17 DOPING CONTROL

- CI.17.1 Doping control shall be carried out in accordance with ITTF Anti-Doping rules.

CI.18 ELECTRONIC TOURNAMENT SYSTEM

CI.18.1 An ETTU approved electronic tournament system must be used for all European Championships.
