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CHAPTER 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1.1 NAME
1.1.1 The organisation shall be called the European Table Tennis Union referred to elsewhere in the Constitution by its abbreviated title ETTU.

ETTU was founded 13th March 1957 in order to group the national table tennis Associations from the countries and territories of Europe.

1.2 COMPOSITION
1.2.1 ETTU shall consist of the affiliated table tennis organisations, referred to elsewhere as ‘Associations’, governing the sport in accordance with the principles of ETTU and the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) in any territory in Europe generally regarded as constituting a national, historical or other unity.

1.2.2 ETTU is the Continental Table Tennis Federation for Europe, being recognised as such by ITTF and thus having the sole and whole authority in Europe in general, and in the territories of the Associations in particular, for all matters related to table tennis on the European level.

1.2.3 Pursuant to the authority recognised to it for Europe by ITTF, ETTU has the sole and whole jurisdiction over organising a table tennis event using the denomination or title 'European', 'Europe', 'Euro' or similar, or authorising the organisation of such an event.

1.3 PRINCIPLES
1.3.1 The principles of ETTU shall be general unity of action, mutual respect of Associations in their dealings with one another and the inadmissibility of discrimination against Associations or individuals on racial, political, religious, gender or other grounds.

1.3.2 ETTU is committed to providing a sport and work environment in which all individuals are treated with respect and dignity. Each individual has the right to participate and work in an environment which promotes equal opportunities and prohibits discriminatory practices.

1.3.3 ETTU is committed to providing a sport environment free of harassment on any basis without exception.
1.3.3.1 The Executive Board of ETTU shall impose appropriate disciplinary sanctions from warnings to exclusions from all kind of activity in ETTU, when a complaint of harassment has been substantiated. The same range of disciplinary sanctions can be imposed if a false accusation has been substantiated.

1.3.3.2 The Executive Board has the power to delegate any of its duties or obligations to a competent body such as a disciplinary or ethics committee.

1.3.4 ETTU is committed to take a responsible approach to safeguarding the environment and managing resources through its practices in hosting events and in managing its operations.

1.3.5 ETTU shall observe the general and fundamental principles of Good Governance, the ITTF Code of Ethics; the Olympic Movement Code on the Prevention of the Manipulation of Competitions, the Olympic Movement Medical Code, the ITTF Anti-Doping Rules, the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) Handbook; and no provision of this Constitution shall be deemed to conflict with or derogate from those principles.

1.3.6 ETTU shall co-operate with ITTF, the European Olympic Committees (EOC), the European Paralympic Committee (EPC), and other organisations that recognise it as the controlling and governing authority for table tennis throughout Europe.

1.4 OBJECTIVES

1.4.1 The objectives of ETTU shall be:

1.4.1.1 to uphold the principles of ETTU and to develop the spirit of friendship and mutual assistance among Associations, officials, coaches and players;

1.4.1.2 to seek continual improvement in the technical standard of table tennis and to promote participation of table tennis throughout Europe;

1.4.1.3 to foster friendly sporting competition and to eliminate unfair and unsporting practices such as match fixing, match corruption, irregular and illegal betting, doping or illegal equipment;

1.4.1.4 to apply and enforce the Constitution, the Regulations for ETTU title competitions and events, the ITTF Regulations for International Competitions, the ITTF Anti-Doping Rules, the ITTF Code of Ethics, the ITTF Anti-Harassment Policy and Procedures and other ETTU
1.4.1.5 to promote and to supervise ETTU title competitions and events;
1.4.1.6 to employ the funds of ETTU as may be expedient in the interests of European table tennis;
1.4.1.7 to endeavour to increase participation at all levels, to enhance the popularity of the sport, to develop new sources of revenue, and to manage the sport through a systematic planning process;
1.4.1.8 to encourage players, coaches and officials to present the sport positively in the best ways to enhance its image.

1.5 LEGAL STATUS
1.5.1 ETTU is incorporated in Luxembourg as a non-profit-making Association, according to the provisions of the Luxembourg law of 21st April 1928 concerning the non-profit-making associations and the foundations (see note 1). The seat and the headquarters (the head office) are settled in Luxembourg (the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg), at 73 rue Adolphe Fischer, L-1520 Luxembourg.
1.5.2 ETTU is endowed with legal status and its officers and employees shall not be responsible for its debts, unless it is by a grossly negligent or willful conduct.
1.5.3 The minimum number of Associations in membership shall be three (3).
CHAPTER 2. MEMBERSHIP

2.1 ELIGIBILITY

2.1.1 Membership is open to any National Table Tennis Association (NTTA) that:

a) is officially recognised and responsible in its country or territory for the organisation and implementation of all matters related to table tennis;

b) has its home country or territory capital located within the geographical area of Europe;

c) is recognised by ITTF.

2.1.2 In exceptional circumstances, membership may be opened to an NTTA that fulfils the provisions of 2.1.1 but has its home country or territory capital located outside the geographical area of Europe, provided the Association concerned:

a) is, not yet or no more, a member of another Continental Table Tennis Federation;

b) has its application for membership supported by ITTF and by the Continental Table Tennis Federation to which it should normally belong according to the geographic situation of its home country or territory capital.

2.2 APPLICATION AND ELECTION

2.2.1 Applications for membership shall be made on a form approved by the Executive Board.

2.2.2 All applications shall be submitted not later than six (6) calendar months before the date of a Congress at which the application is to be considered, except applications from previous member Associations. Such applications may be accepted with immediate effect at the discretion of the Executive Board, without the need to respect the six (6) calendar months. Any such acceptance shall be ratified at the next Congress.

2.2.3 The Executive Board shall review all applications on behalf of the Congress and make recommendations on acceptance.

2.2.4 Applications for membership shall be considered by the next Congress and shall be accepted if they receive at least two-thirds
(2/3) of the votes cast.

2.2.5 In the consideration of applications for combined membership by Associations formerly in separate membership, or for separate membership by Associations which were formerly components of an Association which has divided, or for recognition of changes in the territory in which an Association controls the sport, the views of the organisations concerned and any circumstances outside their control shall be taken into account; secession in other circumstances is not to be encouraged.

2.2.6 The representatives of an Association to be elected to membership at a Congress shall be entitled to attend the meeting without voting rights.

2.2.7 Election and membership of an Association to ETTU shall not carry any implications in respect of the political, diplomatic or national status of the territory concerned, but only to its conduct of table tennis therein.

2.3 SUSPENSION AND TERMINATION

2.3.1 An Association wishing to resign from ETTU shall give notice in writing to the ETTU Secretary General; the resignation may take effect at any time from the receipt of such notice until the 31st December of the same year, but the Association shall be liable for the subscription due for that year. The written resignation shall detail the reason for resignation, proposed timing and all efforts that have made toward retaining affiliation. The Association and ETTU shall have first engaged in either direct or mediated discussions with the purpose of affiliation being retained.

2.3.2 An Association which fails to pay its subscription for three (3) successive years shall automatically be suspended from membership; it shall not be liable for subscriptions during the period of suspension and shall be re-admitted to membership on payment of all of the subscriptions and debts previously due.

2.3.3 An Association which seriously and persistently fails to maintain the principles or to respect the Constitution and decisions of ETTU may be warned, fined, suspended or expelled by a Congress.

2.3.4 An Association that is suspended from membership shall, including but not limited to, not be entitled to nominate or enter players for any event held under the jurisdiction of ETTU nor to attend or be
represented at an Ordinary or Extraordinary Congress nor to nominate any person for election to the Executive Board, the ITTF Board of Directors, any Committee, Commission or working group nor shall any individual nominated by the Association be entitled to participate in the activities of the Executive Board, any Committee, Commission or working group; further:

2.3.4.1 no match official nominated by the Association shall officiate at any ETTU sanctioned event;

2.3.4.2 the Association shall not be entitled to receive any benefit from ETTU including but not limited to participation in development activities nor to receive any grants from ETTU;

2.3.4.3 the Association shall not be entitled to host an ETTU sanctioned event save that where an ETTU sanctioned event has been approved prior to the suspension, the Executive Board may establish a committee to oversee the organisation of such sanctioned event under conditions approved by the Executive Board, at its discretion.

2.3.4.4 In a case of a suspension, the Executive Board may allow players from the suspended Association to compete in events under the jurisdiction and flag of ETTU.

2.3.5 Before the Congress suspends an Association, the Association shall have been sent notice in writing of the proposed suspension at least one (1) month before the Congress at which the suspension is to be considered; the Association shall be afforded an opportunity to present its case at the Congress.

2.3.6 The Executive Board may act to suspend an Association pending the Congress provided the Association is afforded an opportunity to present its case and all Associations having been informed of the suspension and provided with reasons.

2.4 RIGHTS OF THE ASSOCIATIONS

2.4.1 The Associations have the following rights:

2.4.1.1 to appoint up to two (2) representatives (referred to as delegates) to take part in the Congress;

2.4.1.2 to submit proposals or resolutions for inclusion in the agenda of the Congress;

2.4.1.3 to nominate candidates for election or appointment according to the specific rules;
2.4.1.4 to enter players for participation in competitions organised under the authority of ETTU according to the specific qualification rules of each competition;
2.4.1.5 to take part in and benefit from ETTU's assistance, development and educational programmes;
2.4.1.6 to exercise all other rights arising from the Constitution or other ETTU regulations.

2.5 OBLIGATIONS OF THE ASSOCIATIONS
2.5.1 The Associations have the following obligations:
2.5.1.1 to fully comply with all duties and provisions of the Constitution and Regulations established by ETTU as well as with all decisions taken in accordance therewith;
2.5.1.2 to apply the ITTF Anti-Doping Rules, the ITTF Code of Ethics and the ITTF Anti-Harassment Policy and Procedures;
2.5.1.3 to immediately notify ETTU about any major change of the Association (change of President, General Secretary, address or contact details);
2.5.1.4 to request their own members to comply with the ETTU Constitution and Regulations established by ETTU;
2.5.1.5 to be responsible for its clubs and players, including entry fees, penalties, and eligibility, in compliance with the ETTU Constitution and Regulations;
2.5.1.6 to fulfil at all times the requirements necessary for eligibility to membership;
2.5.1.7 to pay the ETTU annual subscription.
CHAPTER 3. ASSOCIATED ORGANISATIONS

3.1 OTHER GROUPINGS OF ASSOCIATIONS

3.1.1 Grouping of Associations shall, in principle, include Associations that share common objectives (promoting table tennis in any of its forms or categories, organising competitions for specific titles or for areas united by language, history and/or culture).

3.1.2 Each grouping of Associations shall have the right to organise specific grouping competitions open to all the Associations of the grouping provided that the Constitution is observed in respect of play with an unaffiliated organisation.

3.1.3 ETTU shall be notified about any change of the grouping of Associations (change of President, General Secretary, address or contact details).
CHAPTER 4. HONORARY POSITIONS

4.1 Upon the recommendation of the Executive Board, the Congress may appoint as an Honorary Member a person who has given outstanding and meritorious services to ETTU.

An Honorary Member is entitled to receive free hospitality at the European Championships and to attend the Congress.

4.2 The Executive Board may award a Badge of Honour to a person that has given an outstanding contribution to the work of ETTU and/or to its Objectives.

4.3 Upon the recommendation of the Executive Board, the Congress may revoke an honorary position.
CHAPTER 5. GOVERNANCE

5.1 CONGRESS

5.1.1 The Congress bears the overall responsibility for the sustainable and continuing development and proper regulating, legislating and governing of table tennis in Europe.

5.1.2 The Congress is the supreme governing body of ETTU and consists of the assembled delegates of the Associations.

5.1.3 A Congress requires a quorum of more than one-half (1/2) of the Associations to be present or represented.

5.1.4 The Congress has the following functions and powers:

5.1.4.1 to establish and to amend the Constitution and the Regulations;

5.1.4.2 to elect the ETTU President, the ETTU Deputy President, the ETTU Vice President for Finance and the five (5) ETTU Vice Presidents, at a Congress held in the year of the Summer Olympic Games. All members elected shall serve for a four (4) years term and shall be eligible for re-election not more than twice in the same role;

5.1.4.3 to elect the ETTU members of the ITTF Board of Directors. All members elected shall serve for a four (4) years term and shall be eligible for re-election not more than twice;

5.1.4.4 to elect up to ten (10) members of the Board of Appeal for a four (4) years term;

5.1.4.5 to elect the members of the Audit Commission. All members elected shall serve for a four (4) years term and at least one (1) member of the previous Audit Commission shall retire after one (1) term;

5.1.4.6 to delegate any of its powers to the Executive Board, on the request of at least one-third (1/3) of the Associations not in arrears;

5.1.4.7 to ratify the work done by the Executive Board since the last Congress;

5.1.4.8 to decide to deal with a matter normally delegated to another ETTU body or decided upon by this body;

5.1.4.9 all the other functions and responsibilities mentioned from 5.1.10.1.1 to 5.1.10.1.15.

5.1.5 Representation of Members and Attendance

5.1.5.1 Each Association shall be entitled to two (2) delegates at a Congress.

5.1.5.2 The Executive Board members, the Honorary Members, ETTU members of the ITTF Board of Directors, Committee chairs, Officials
and ETTU staff, are allowed to attend the Congress with the right to speak but not to vote. Committee and Commission members shall be entitled to attend the Congress as observers, without speaking or voting privileges unless representing an Association. The Congress chair, exceptionally, may allow special guests to attend and speak at the Congress.

5.1.5.3 An Association eligible to vote at a Congress may be represented by another Association eligible to vote. No Association may hold more than one (1) proxy.

5.1.6 Delegates

5.1.6.1 Delegates shall be appointed by the appropriate body of the Association they represent; they shall either carry the citizenship (passport) of this Association or shall have their main residence in the territory controlled by this Association for no less than the preceding twelve (12) months. Delegates of Associations belonging to the same state unity, with the same kind of national passport, shall have their main residence for no less than the preceding twelve (12) months in the territory where the Association has jurisdiction.

5.1.7 Place and Time

5.1.7.1 A Congress shall be held annually. In principle the Congress will be held at the host city and during the period of the European Championships.

5.1.8 Notice of Meeting

5.1.8.1 Notice of the meeting, giving details of the place, date and time and the business to be transacted, shall be sent by post or e-mail to:

5.1.8.1.1 each Association;
5.1.8.1.2 the Executive Board members;
5.1.8.1.3 the Honorary Members;
5.1.8.1.4 the ETTU members of the ITTF Board of Directors and the Committee chairs and the Officials.

5.1.8.2 The notice shall be sent not later than two (2) calendar months before the date of the meeting.
5.1.9 Notice of Business

5.1.9.1 Details in writing of propositions and resolutions to be dealt with at a Congress shall reach the Secretary General not later than three (3) calendar months before the date of the meeting.

5.1.9.2 The deadline for nominations for election shall be not later than six (6) weeks before the date of the relating election in a Congress.

5.1.9.3 Notice of the closing date in each year for the receipt of business, propositions and resolutions shall be sent to all Associations by the Secretary General not later than six (6) calendar months before the date of the meeting.

5.1.9.4 Propositions and resolutions, other than changes to the Constitution, of which due notice has not been given but which, in the opinion of the Executive Board, relate to the business in hand or relate to an emergency may be admitted by a vote in favour of two-thirds (2/3) of the votes cast at the Congress.

5.1.10 Procedure

5.1.10.1 The agenda for a Congress shall include:

5.1.10.1.1 the appointment of a Chair;

5.1.10.1.2 a roll call of the Associations present;

5.1.10.1.3 the appointment of scrutineers;

5.1.10.1.4 minutes of the previous Congress;

5.1.10.1.5 the consideration of applications for membership;

5.1.10.1.6 the Annual General Report, including reports from the Executive Board members;

5.1.10.1.7 the receipt of reports from the Committee chairs, Officials and the Secretary General;

5.1.10.1.8 the receipt of the financial report, the Audit Commission report, the audit review statement of accounts for the previous, the consideration of the next year’s budget and the appointment of Auditors;

5.1.10.1.9 the consideration of propositions and resolutions;

5.1.10.1.10 when appropriate, the election of President, Deputy President, Vice President for Finance and Vice Presidents;

5.1.10.1.11 when appropriate the election of ETTU members of the ITTF Board of Directors;
5.1.10.1.12 when appropriate the election of up to ten (10) members of the Board of Appeal;
5.1.10.1.13 the ratification of the work done by the Executive Board since the last Congress;
5.1.10.1.14 the announcement of the place and date of the next Congress;
5.1.10.1.15 the consideration of any other business.

5.1.10.2 No speaker shall speak more than once on a proposition or resolution except that the proposer shall have the right of reply and that the Chair may, at his or her discretion, allow a speaker to speak more than once to answer a query arising from his or her original statement.

5.1.10.3 The Chair shall decide how many speakers will be permitted to speak on a proposition or resolution and when the vote shall be taken, except that a motion "that the question now be put" shall be voted on immediately, without further discussion; if such a motion is carried the proposition or resolution or any amendment before the meeting shall then be voted on immediately, without further discussion, subject to the right of reply by the mover of the substantive proposition or resolution.

5.1.11 Voting
5.1.11.1 Each Association not in arrears shall have one (1) vote.
5.1.11.2 Decisions shall be decided by a majority of the votes cast except that:
5.1.11.2.1 changes to the Constitution, suspensions or expulsions from membership, the acceptance of late or emergency business or propositions, warning fining suspending or expelling an Association, revoking an honorary position, require more than one-half (1/2) of the Associations to be present or represented at the Congress and requires a majority of two-thirds (2/3) of the votes cast;
5.1.11.2.2 dissolution of ETTU requires more than two-thirds (2/3) of the Associations to be present or represented at the Congress and requires a four-fifths (4/5) majority of the votes cast.
5.1.11.3 Votes cast are votes in favour and votes against. Abstentions and invalid votes are not counted as votes cast.
5.1.11.4 If there is an equality of votes in any matter except in elections the motion shall fail, and the meeting shall proceed with the next
5.1.11.5 Voting other than in elections shall be either by a show of hands, by electronic device, by roll call or by secret ballot, as decided by the Congress on a proposition by the Chair.

5.1.11.6 A number of delegates shall be nominated, for approval by the Congress, to act as scrutineers.

5.1.11.7 The appointed scrutineers are responsible for the correct organisation of a ballot including the distribution of ballot papers, the count of votes cast, the proclamation of the ballot result and the draw by lot in the event of a tie voting result in the second ballot of an election.

5.1.12 Elections

5.1.12.1 Voting in elections shall be by secret ballot. If there is only one candidate for a post, the congress may decide by acclamation, unless a delegate asks for a secret ballot.

5.1.12.2 Where there are more candidates or options for a post or posts than the number of vacancies, provided that the majority (more than 50%) is not reached, additional ballots will be required. In this case, at each successive ballot, the candidate or option obtaining the smallest number of votes shall be eliminated.

5.1.12.3 If there is a tie for the lowest number of votes, a further vote shall be held amongst them to determine who is eliminated, and if there is still a tie, the decision will be taken by a draw by lot.

5.1.12.4 Consecutive ballots will be organised until the election is decided.

5.1.12.5 At an election a ballot paper shall be considered valid only if the number of votes cast on this ballot equals the number of vacancies.

5.1.13 Extraordinary Congress

5.1.13.1 An Extraordinary Congress shall be convened by the Executive Board or shall be convened within ten (10) weeks of receipt by the Secretary General of a requisition in writing submitted by not less than one-fifth (1/5) of the Associations not in arrears.

5.1.13.2 The notice shall be sent to all Associations not later than a calendar month before the date of the meeting.

5.1.13.3 The requisition for an Extraordinary Congress shall specify the business for which the meeting is to be convened.
5.2. EXECUTIVE BOARD

5.2.1. The Executive Board has the following duties and responsibilities:
5.2.1.1. to determine the internal operations and procedures;
5.2.1.2. to appoint the Secretary General of ETTU;
5.2.1.3. to appoint the chair of the Board of Appeal among the members elected by the Congress;
5.2.1.3. to appoint the Committee chairs and members, Officials and working groups, except the chair and members of the Athletes Commission;
5.2.1.4. to impose disciplinary sanctions for inappropriate conducts and violation of the Constitution and Regulations which are not expressly attributed to another body within ETTU;
5.2.1.5. to determine the terms of reference for all Committees, Commissions, working groups or panels that the Executive Board may establish from time to time;
5.2.1.6. to establish an ETTU strategic plan to be submitted to the Congress;
5.2.1.7. to appoint the bank accounts of ETTU and the persons with signature on them;
5.2.1.8. to decide a remuneration of the President or any elected Executive Board member, if applicable. Such decisions shall be minuted with specific mention of the names and amounts and shall be reflected in the annual budget and the annual statement of accounts;
5.2.1.9. to review all applications for new membership and make recommendations on acceptance to the Congress;
5.2.1.10. to submit propositions and resolutions to the Congress;
5.2.1.11. to define the use of the ETTU name and logo;
5.2.1.12. to represent ETTU in all juridical matters;
5.2.1.13. to deal with all other current or urgent business and to assume all responsibilities which are not expressly attributed to another body within ETTU.

5.2.2. The Executive Board shall consist of the President, the Deputy President, the Vice President for Finance and five (5) Vice Presidents, all from different Associations, and the chair of the Athletes Commission.

5.2.3. The Executive Board shall meet at least four (4) times a year and otherwise when convened by the President or at the request of three (3) Executive Board members shall be convened within thirty (30) days.
5.3 ETTU MEMBERS OF THE ITTF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

5.3.1. Appointments and Elections
The ETTU members of the ITTF Board of Directors are elected by the Congress in the years of the Summer Olympic Games for a term of four (4) years; they are eligible for re-election twice. The Deputy President shall ex-officio be appointed as an ETTU member of the ITTF Board of Directors, provided he/she accepts this appointment.

5.4 VACANCIES

5.4.1 If the President resigns or is unable to continue in office any longer, he or she shall be replaced by the Deputy President, until the first following Congress.

5.4.2 A vacancy arising in the post of Deputy President or Vice President for Finance shall be filled by a Vice President nominated by the President until the first following Congress.

5.4.3 A vacancy arising in the posts of Vice Presidents, ETTU members of the ITTF Board of Directors and Board of Appeal during the first three (3) years of the running term of office shall be filled by a majority of the votes cast at the next Congress for the remaining years of the running term.

5.5 COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES AND OFFICIALS

5.5.1 ETTU has an Athletes Commission, elected by the athletes, and an Audit Commission elected by the Congress.

5.5.2 Committees, Officials, working groups and panels may be appointed with, as a general rule, the following duties and tasks:

- to deal with one or more particular aspects of the activities;
- to advise and assist the Executive Board and the Secretary General on all practical and organisational issues related to those particular aspects of the activities, for which they are responsible.

5.5.3 The following committees and officials shall be appointed:
- Coaches Committee,
- Gender Equality Committee,
- Para Table Tennis Committee,
Ranking Committee,
Technical Committee,
Umpires and Referees Committee,
Veterans Committee,
Youth Committee,
Club Competitions Official,
Medical and Anti-Doping Official.

5.5.4 The number of persons serving as members on each Committee shall be determined by the Executive Board before the nomination of Committee members.

5.5.5 Committees shall normally conduct their business by correspondence.

5.5.6 The chair of each Committee and the Officials shall submit to the Executive Board an annual report of activities, drawing attention to any recommendations that the Committee or Official wishes to make; acceptance of the report shall not automatically imply acceptance of such recommendations.

5.6 ELIGIBILITY FOR OFFICE

5.6.1 Nominations for President, Deputy President, Vice President for Finance, the Vice Presidents, ETTU members of the ITTF Board of Directors, and Committees may be made only by the Association of which the nominee is a member and eligible according to the provisions of 5.1.6.1.

5.6.2 No more than one (1) person from an Association shall be nominated for the Executive Board and no one shall be nominated for more than one (1) post of the Executive Board.

5.6.3 A member of an Association that is in arrears shall not be eligible for election.

5.6.4 All ETTU members of the ITTF Board of Directors shall be from different Associations.

5.6.5 No person shall at the same time serve as a member of the Executive Board and as a member of the ITTF Executive Committee.

5.6.6 No person shall serve at the same time as a member of more than one (1) Committee and no more than four (4) such posts shall be occupied by members of an Association.

5.6.7 No member of the Executive Board shall serve on a Committee.
5.6.8 A person connected in any way with the manufacture, sale or endorsement of table tennis equipment or with consultation on such equipment:

5.6.8.1 shall not be eligible as a member of the Executive Board, with the exception of the Athletes Commission chair;

5.6.8.2 may serve on a Committee but shall withdraw from a meeting or abstain from voting on an issue if so requested by a majority of the meeting that he or she is attending.

5.7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

5.7.1 Members of an ETTU decision-making body shall avoid any situation that could lead to a conflict of interest or perceived conflict of interest. Any actual, perceived or potential conflict of interest shall be declared and action taken by the individual to remove himself/herself from the situation where a conflict may arise. It is the personal responsibility of each person to avoid any case of conflict of interest.

5.7.2 ETTU conflicts of interest policy will set out the procedure for identifying and managing conflicts and potential conflicts of interests or duty affecting all persons involved in the administration of ETTU and its business.

5.8 PROPER CONDUCT

5.8.1 All members of constitutional bodies shall carry out the duties in a proper and independent way, for the best interests of table tennis in Europe, without regard to the particular interests of his/her nominating Association.

5.8.2 Where the Executive Board considers a member of a constitutional body to have committed a gross or serious dereliction of duty or an act of improper conduct, it may, with a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the votes cast:

suspend an elected member of a constitutional body until the next Congress meeting, where the Congress shall take a definitive decision upon the continuation of the suspension;

remove from office an appointed member of a constitutional body and appoint a replacement member for the remaining period of the running term.
5.9  CHANGES TO RULES

5.9.1 Rule change propositions and resolutions may be submitted to the Congress by Associations and the Executive Board.

5.9.2 Rule change propositions to be considered at a Congress shall reach ETTU not later than three (3) months before the date of the Congress.

5.9.3 Amendments to the Constitution and the Regulations shall be made only at a Congress or an Extraordinary Congress.

5.9.4 Details of all rule change propositions shall be published in the agenda of the Congress at which they are to be considered.

5.9.5 The implementation date of each change shall be specified; if there is no such specification, the change shall take effect from 1st January of the following year once a decision is taken.
CHAPTER 6. ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES

6.1 MANAGEMENT STAFF

6.1.1 The Executive Board shall appoint management staff on agreed terms and conditions.

6.1.2 A Secretary General shall be appointed by the Executive Board and shall be responsible for the direction and supervision of ETTU’s professional structure and programmes.

6.1.3 The Executive Board may delegate, fully or partly, one or more of its duties and responsibilities to the Secretary General.

6.1.4 The Secretary General may appoint a staff member to serve as coordinator of a committee.

6.1.5 The Secretary General shall employ such other staff as are deemed necessary following Executive Board approval, taking into consideration the ETTU annual budget and according to the ETTU open recruitment policy.

6.2 ADMINISTRATION

6.2.1 Office

6.2.1.1 The ETTU head office shall be in a place appointed by resolution of the Congress proposed by the Executive Board.

6.2.2 Languages

6.2.2.1 The correspondence and proceedings of ETTU shall be conducted in English.

6.2.2.2 All languages of ETTU members are equally official and representatives shall be entitled to address ETTU meetings in their own language, subject to their provision of interpretation into a working language fixed for use at that meeting.
CHAPTER 7. CONTRACTUAL AND FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

7.1 CONTRACTS

7.1.1 ETTU is legally engaged as follows:

a) for matters with financial implications, by the common signature of the President (or in his/her absence, the Deputy President) and the Vice President for Finance (or in his/her absence, the Secretary General);

b) for matters without financial implications, by the common signature of the President (or in his/her absence, the Deputy President) and the Vice President for Finance or a Vice President or the Secretary General.

7.2 ACCOUNTS

7.2.1 The financial year of ETTU shall be from 1st January to 31st December. The financial accounts shall be held in Euro and shall be managed and comply with the requirements of the accepted European accounting standards applicable.

7.2.2 The Vice President for Finance shall ensure that an annual statement of accounts be prepared, which shall be an audit review by professional auditors, and that a yearly estimate of income and expenditure (budget) be presented.

7.2.3 The auditor shall be appointed by the Congress, for a term of four (4) years, and shall be eligible for re-appointment.

7.2.4 The bank accounts of ETTU shall be held at banks appointed by resolution of the Executive Board.

7.2.5 The power of signature on ETTU bank accounts should be restricted to ETTU operational staff and decided by the Executive Board. Individual signatures on any ETTU bank account shall be avoided.

7.3 AUDIT COMMISSION

7.3.1 The Audit Commission shall be composed of at least three (3) members from three (3) different Associations elected by the Congress.

7.3.2 The financial statements shall be subject to an internal audit by the Audit Commission. The Commission shall make a report of its activities to the Congress.
7.4 SUBSCRIPTIONS

7.4.1 Each Association shall pay an annual subscription as determined by the Congress.

7.4.2 The first subscription shall be paid with the application for membership and subsequent subscriptions shall be due on 1st January of each year.

7.4.3 An Association shall be in arrears if its subscription has not been paid by 31st December of the year in which it is due.
CHAPTER 8. JUDICIAL PROVISIONS

8.1 JUDICIAL BODIES

8.1.1 The following bodies of ETTU have judicial powers:

the Congress and the Extraordinary Congress,
the Executive Board,
the Secretary General,
the Club Competitions Official,
the Board of Appeal.

8.2 PROCEDURAL RULES APPLICABLE TO THE JUDICIAL BODIES

8.2.1 The judicial bodies of ETTU shall provide fair procedures to all parties involved and shall respect their fundamental rights. They recognise in particular:

8.2.1.1 that any person acting with ETTU will not participate in any interaction which could influence an outcome or decision relative to any specific matter if the person has a conflict of interest according to the ITTF Code of Ethics;
8.2.1.2 the right of the person or Association to know the charge and to examine the relevant file;
8.2.1.3 the right to know the sanctions which might be imposed;
8.2.1.4 the right to be heard, to present a defence, to produce evidence and to be assisted by counsel at their own expense;
8.2.1.5 the right to present an appeal to any judicial decision.

8.3 BOARD OF APPEAL

8.3.1 The Board of Appeal consists of up to ten (10) members elected by the Congress. The members shall have a juridical education or experience in juridical matters; the Executive Board appoints a member with a juridical qualification as chair.

8.3.2 A member of the Board of Appeal shall not hold nor take a position in the other judicial bodies nor in any other constitutional body.

8.3.3 The chair appoints at least three (3) of the members to each case brought forward to the Board of Appeal.

8.3.4 The seat of the Board of Appeal is set in the ETTU head office.
8.3.5 The Board of Appeal is provided with the power to take final decision on any appeal put forward against a decision taken by the judicial bodies in ETTU.

8.3.6 The provisions and rules governing the legal procedures of the Board of Appeal are specified in annex A: rules governing the legal procedure of the Board of Appeal and annex B: catalogue of disciplinary sanctions, and the annexes are to be considered as an integral part of the Constitution.

8.4. COURT OF ARBITRATION FOR SPORT (CAS)

8.4.1 ETTU recognises the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) with headquarters in Lausanne (Switzerland) to resolve disputes arising from this Constitution or other ETTU rules and regulations, or decisions of ETTU which cannot be settled by the ETTU appeals process. The parties concerned shall undertake to comply with the Statutes and procedural rules of this Court of Arbitration for Sport and to accept and enforce its decisions, which are final.
CHAPTER 9. FINAL PROVISIONS

9.1 DISSOLUTION

9.1.1 ETTU shall not be dissolved other than at a Dissolution Congress specially convened for the purpose.

9.1.2 The balance of funds in hand at the time of dissolution shall be divided equally among the Associations not at that time in arrears.

9.2 CONCLUDING PROVISION

9.2.1 This Constitution was approved effective 1st January 2020 by the ETTU Congress at Nantes France, 4th September 2019.

Note 1
Pursuant to the relating unanimous decision of the Congress at its Meeting on 27th April 1997 in Manchester England, ETTU has been incorporated in Luxembourg as a non-profit-making association (‘association sans but lucrative’, abbreviated as ‘a.s.b.l.’).

The Luxembourg law of 21st April 1928 (the ‘LAW’), in its version as amended afterwards, is applicable, or any other Luxembourg law which may regulate non-profit-making associations.

Following the deposit and the registration of the Constitution, the address of the Seat and the list of the member Associations, with the head of the Luxembourg ‘Registre de Commerce et des Sociétés’, ETTU has been granted civil and juridical personality as from 19th February 1993 (date on which the Constitution has been published in the Luxembourg ‘MEMORIAL - Recueil Spécial des Sociétés et Associations’).

In order to uphold the civil and juridical personality of ETTU, the Secretary General shall notify the head of the Luxembourg ‘Registre de Commerce et des Sociétés’ of all changes to the Constitution, to the Seat, to the list of the member Associations as well as to the members of the Executive Board or to their addresses, latest within three months after the Congress Meeting where the relating changes have been decided or ratified.

Ensure the publication in the Luxembourg ‘MEMORIAL - Recueil Spécial des Sociétés et Associations’ of all amendments to the Constitution, latest within three months after the Congress Meeting where such amendments have been adopted.
Annex A

Rules governing the legal procedure of the Board of Appeal

The Board (BoA) may respectively:

1. Competencies

1.1. - confirm, reject or modify a juridical decision made by one of the ETTU judicial bodies,
- consider questions of interpretation of the Constitution or the Regulations, so far as such questions arise in a case brought forward to the Board.

1.2 Any Member Association or, in the case of a Club-Event, any club affiliated to a Member Association is entitled to lodge a case either on its own behalf or on behalf of one of its members, as e.g. an official or a player affiliated to it or being otherwise under its authority.

1.3 The claims of the parties are not binding on the BoA, which may alter a decision even to the disadvantage of the party lodging the appeal or of any other party.

1.4 The decisions of the BoA shall be final and binding to all parties concerned.

1.5 An appeal shall have no delaying effect, except for financial matters and for fines.

2. Holding court
The BoA shall hold court whenever its Chair considers it either necessary or required according to relevant regulations. The Chair appoints the members for each case taking into consideration, that there will be no conflict of interest for the members to make a judgement in the case. At least three members have to be appointed in each case.

3. Language
In relation with a lodged case, the BoA as well as all other parties concerned by or involved in the case shall make use exclusively of the official Language.
4. Challenge of Judges
If the nominating Member Association of a member of the Board or a club of this nominating Member Association is involved in a case or if there of other reasons can be anticipated a conflict of interests, then the member concerned shall not take part neither in the procedure to settle the case nor in the relating decision making process.

5. Time limits and deadlines
A case lodged to the BoA by either a Member Association or a club shall be submitted to the Secretariat, strictly respecting the applicable deadlines as laid down in the respectively relevant Regulation.
At the time of lodging a case, the lodging party shall simultaneously submit to the Secretariat all supporting documents and arguments relevant for and concerning the case.

6. Conformity issues
Upon the relating decision of the Board Chair, a case may not be accepted, if it is not submitted in conformity with the provisions of the Constitution, the Regulations or the present rules.

7. Costs
The costs of the procedure of the BoA shall include the actual expenses and the lodging fee of 1,000 EUR. This latter fee shall be paid into the ETTU bank account mentioned in the Handbook and has to be received by the ETTU within eight (8) days of the submission of the case.
Principally, actual expenses arising from the BoA instance, except for legal assistance, shall be charged to the guilty party in full or in part, according to the judgement of the case. Moreover, a party that by its behavior has caused additional or superfluous expenses may be held responsible for part or all of such expenses, regardless of the judgement.
The BoA shall decide on the procedure's costs and on the eventual return of the lodging fee. It shall also apportion the costs among the parties as it deems fit. If a frivolous or irresponsible case is lodged, the BoA may as well decide to retain an additional amount of maximum 500 EUR. No payment of interest shall be made on return of the lodging fee.
In any case, the Member Association concerned is responsible for covering the costs of the procedure for any case lodged to the BoA either by itself or by one of its clubs.
8. Preliminary procedure
The preliminary part of the proceedings shall be in writing, the Secretary General being responsible for the compilation of the case file. As all the parties concerned by a case must have the possibility to examine the documents and arguments relating to the case, the case file shall at least contain the following:
  a) the lodging application;
  b) a detailed report of the facts;
  c) the conclusions and their motivation;
  d) the case relevant documents.

9. Reply
Through the intermediary of the Secretary General, the BoA shall inform the opposing or accused party (parties) within fifteen (15) days of the case lodging. The provisions of annex A.8 shall also apply to the reply and the relevant documents which are in hands of the opposing or accused party (parties) shall be attached to this reply as well.
The BoA Chair shall take all necessary steps to speed up the settlement of a case as much as possible.

10. Means of evidence
It is obligatory for any party concerned by or involved in a lodged case to provide the BoA with the whole as well as the correct information on any request of interest and to provide any requested information at the earliest convenience.
The BoA may extend its investigations to include facts that have not been put forward by the parties concerned, but which may have an influence on the judgement of the case.

11. Debates and presence of the parties
Following the exchange of the supporting documents, the BoA Chair shall, if she/he considers it necessary, fix a date for debates at the shortest possible notice.
Any parties concerned by a case shall have the right to be present or represented at the debates of that case, if any, up to the resolution of the judgement. Only persons officially accredited or nominated by a Member Association or – eventually - by a club shall have the right to represent the
Association or the club concerned. The BoA is competent to decide all questions concerning the representation of any party.

The procedure of the BoA as well as its judgement shall also be valid in the absence of one or more of the summoned parties. The parties concerned by a case shall be allowed to express their point of view. The parties may on that occasion complete the conclusions made in their submission. The BoA may order a confrontation of parties. Any eventual refusal to submit to such confrontation shall be freely judged by the BoA.

If the circumstances so require, the BoA may postpone the debates and decree all measures which it may consider appropriate to enlighten the case. After the oral declarations, the debates are closed and the BoA shall pass its judgement in justice and fairness.

12. Decisions
Decisions shall be taken with the majority of the votes cast. To be valid, a decision of the BoA must have been taken by at least three (3) of its members. The members of the BoA are bound to secrecy in so far as the resolutions of the BoA are concerned.

Communication and validity of the judgement:
The BoA judgement shall also be forwarded, via the Secretariat, to the parties concerned in writing. The BoA judgement shall come into force either with the dispatching of the written communication or on any other date as settled by the BoA. The motivation of the judgement shall be briefly confirmed in writing. The BoA may make public and briefly motivate decisions concerning matters of principle or particularly relevant cases.

13. Revision of the judgement
Parties involved in a case settled by the BoA may request a revision of the relating judgement if new facts or new circumstances have emerged, which have not been not known at the time of the BoA resolutions. This request, including detailed information, has to be sent via the Secretariat to the BoA Chair, who shall decide upon the appropriateness of a new settlement of the case.

The decisions of the BoA shall be final and binding to all parties concerned.
Annex B

Catalogue of Disciplinary Sanctions

1. General provisions

1.1 Member Associations, clubs, club teams, players and coaches, as well as umpires and other persons fulfilling an official task at a Competition (= officials) shall all behave in accordance with the principles of loyalty, integrity and sporting spirit.

1.2 Any Member Association, club, club team, player, coach or official may be sanctioned in the case of a violation of the Constitution, the Regulations or the official decisions of relevant Authorities.

1.3 In any case, any Member Association is fully responsible for the clubs, club teams, players, coaches, officials and other persons representing it, affiliated to it or otherwise under its authority.

1.4 The judicial bodies may impose disciplinary measures and sanctions according to their jurisdiction after the Constitution and regulations either to the present 'Catalogue of Disciplinary Sanctions' or to other relevant Regulations.

2. Disciplinary sanctions in direct connection with Competitions

2.1 There are two types of competitions to be distinguished:
   a) 'short-term' competitions, as e.g. tournaments, staged at one venue and played continuously,
   b) 'long-term' competitions, as e.g. leagues, played at different venues and at different times, throughout a major part of one or more playing seasons.
Protests and appeals shall be made as follows:
- at 'short-term' Competitions: according to the relevant ITTF rules or regulations;
- at 'long-term' Competitions: according to the respectively relevant Regulations.
2.2 Any serious infringement upon ITTF or ETTU Regulations or rules, committed by a team, a player, a coach or an official, and which in the opinion of the referee, the organiser or the Jury of a Competition is of such a gravity to require a disciplinary sanction or another follow-up action, shall be brought to the knowledge of the Executive Board.

2.3 In disciplinary matters, ETTU shall generally follow the ITTF policy, i.e. to disqualify the trespasser (team, player, coach, official) from the running Competition concerned and to report the case to its/his nominating Association, which shall take an appropriate action and/or impose an appropriate sanction.

3. Disciplinary sanctions by the Executive Board

3.1 In addition to the cases mentioned in 2 of this Catalogue, the following offences shall as well be subject to disciplinary action by the Executive Board:
   i) according to Constitution 1.3.3.1: appropriate disciplinary, when a complaint of harassment has been substantiated;
   ii) according to Constitution 5.2.1: sanctions for inappropriate conducts and violation of the Constitution and Regulations which are not expressly attributed to another body within the ETTU and
   a) a non-compliance with or a violation of official decisions, taken by relevant Authorities according to the Constitution and Regulations;
   b) the supply on purpose of false or incomplete information to the Executive Board or to a Juridical Board in a case or an appeal brought forward;
   c) any other unreasonable conduct which may bring the table tennis sport, ETTU, a Member Association or a club affiliated to a Member Association into disrepute;
   d) any other non-conformity with or violation of ITTF and/or ETTU Regulations.

In the case of, a full report of the facts, including the names and addresses of all persons concerned by the case as well as of any witnesses, shall be sent to the Secretariat.

3.2 The disciplinary sanctions which may be imposed by either the Executive Board or the judicial bodies to Member Associations, clubs, club teams, players, coaches or officials are:
a) a warning;
b) a financial fine;
c) a disqualification;
d) a suspension (*).

(*) according to the relating provisions of the Constitution, an eventual suspension of a Member Association by the Executive Board shall be confirmed and endorsed by a relating decision to be taken by the Congress at its next following Meeting.

Doping cases are regulated separately.
1 B.1. INTERNATIONAL ELIGIBILITY
The ITTF eligibility regulations for World Title events shall apply to all ETTU team and individual Events, except as provided in the chapters B.1.1. to B.1.4.

2 B.1.1. European Veterans Championships
A player shall register with the Organising Committee under the name of the country he/she is a national of, and/or his/her country of main residence in Europe. If requested by the Organising Committee or the referee, the player shall provide documentary evidence of his/her eligibility.

3 B.1.2. European Youth Championships
A player shall be eligible to represent in the European Youth Championships a Member Association having jurisdiction in a country, if:

   a) the player either

      a.1. is a national of that country;

      a.2. has been born in that country without being a national of it;

      a.3. is resident in that country since at least five consecutive years (the concerned player shall provide official documentary evidence of his/her residence, if so required by ETTU);

   and

   b) the player has never before represented any other Member Association in the European Youth Championships.

4 B.1.3. Europe Youth TOP 10
Only players eligible to represent a Member Association in the European Youth Championships are eligible to participate in the Europe Youth TOP 10.

5 B.1.4. European Club Competitions
The European Club Competitions eligibility is regulated separately in the respective European Club Competitions directives.
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.
DATE AND DURATION

The Championships shall be held between 14th September and 31st October over a period of 6 days.

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.

EVENTS

The championships shall include 5 individual events: men’s singles, women’s singles, men’s doubles, women’s doubles and mixed doubles.

ENTRY FEES AND LEVIES

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.

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.

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.

ENTRIES

Numbers

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.

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.

Cl.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.
Cl.8.3 The organising Association shall provide free hospitality from the evening before the championships begin until the morning after they end for

Cl.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;

Cl.8.3.2 all invited foreign referees and umpires.

Cl.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.

Cl.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.

Cl.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.

Cl.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.

Cl.8.8 Cancellation fees

Cl.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.

Cl.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.

Cl.9 THE DRAW

Cl.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.

Cl.10 JURY

Cl.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.

Cl.10.2 The chair of the Jury shall be the Chair of the Technical Committee.

Cl.10.3 The ETTU Competition Manager may attend the Jury meetings with the right to speak but without the right to vote.

Cl.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.

Cl.14.3 All invited foreign officials shall receive from the organising Association a daily allowance in accordance with ITTF Directives for Match Officials.

Cl.15 PROGRAMME
Cl.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.

Cl.16 FACILITIES
Cl.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.

Cl.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.

Cl.16.3 During the championships an area with seats shall be specifically allocated to team doctors and/or physiotherapists close to the playing area.

Cl.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.

Cl.17 DOPING CONTROL
Cl.17.1 Doping control shall be carried out in accordance with ITTF Anti-Doping rules.

Cl.18 ELECTRONIC TOURNAMENT SYSTEM
Cl.18.1 An ETTU approved electronic tournament system must be used for all European Championships.
CT 1 *Introduction*
CT 1.1 The European Championships (Team Events) shall be played over a period of 2 years and be concluded with the final stage (24 men’s teams and 24 women’s teams) in odd numbered years.
CT 1.2 The Championships shall commence in the preceding year with stages 1 and 2.
CT 1.3 The Championships shall include men’s team and women’s team events.

CT 2 *Entries*
CT 2.1 Each member Association whose subscriptions are not in arrears may enter 1 team in the Men’s and/or 1 team in the Women’s event.
CT 2.2 The closing date of entries for stage 1 shall be specified by the Executive Board.

CT 3 *Eligibility*
All players shall be eligible to represent their Associations in accordance with the provisions of article B.10.

CT 4 *Stages 1 and 2*
CT 4.1 **Organisation**
Stages 1 and 2 shall be played over a period up to 18 months and shall be conducted by the Secretary General who shall have the right to change the dates of matches whenever needed. On the basis of a duly motivated request from a member Association the Executive Board has the authority to change the venue of matches to a location situated on the territory of another member Association.

CT 4.2 **Rights and Obligations**
CT 4.2.1 The ETTU holds the following rights for every team match within stages 1 and 2 of the European Championships (Team Events):
CT 4.2.1.1 The International TV rights.
CT 4.2.1.2 The non-exclusive rights for Internet TV and Internet Live Streaming.
CT 4.2.1.3 The rights for Data and Scoring.
CT 4.2.1.4 Whenever requested by the ETTU, each Association participating in stages 1 and 2 has to provide necessary conditions and staff for electronic transmission of each home match by a live scoring system (LSS) made available by the ETTU. All relevant technical details are stated in the Directives.
CT 4.2.1.5 The exclusive right to appoint a title sponsor – plus providing advertising exposure to the title sponsor at every 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 home Association’s sponsor must not be exposed on the court surrounds at any stage 1 and 2 matches. The home Association must always, in any publication under their responsibility regarding stages 1 and 2, use the correct denomination of the
title sponsor. An Association failing to do this shall be fined by the Executive Board and shall be made liable for the payment of all undisputed damages claimed by the title sponsor.

CT 4.2.1.6 The right to appoint an official ball sponsor and supplier. The Secretary General shall notify all participating Associations not later than 3 months before the start of stage 1 regarding the scope of such contract. An Association failing to use the adopted ball shall be subject to a penalty imposed by the Executive Board.

CT 4.2.2 Equipment rights (except the adopted ball), domestic TV rights, advertising rights other than those mentioned under 4.2.1 as well as gate receipts belong to the home Association of each match.

CT 4.3 Entry Fees
The entry fee shall be 1000 € for a team.

CT 4.4 System of Play
CT 4.4.1 Stage 1
CT 4.4.1.1 The winner of the previous European Championships (Team Events) and the host for the final stage of the Championships will not take part in stage 1 and will proceed directly to the final stage of the Championships. Teams not taking part in stage 1 will not take part in the final stage.

CT 4.4.1.2 There will be Groups A, B and C and the composition of Groups A, B and C will be announced no later than 2 months after the final stage of the previous Championships.

CT 4.4.1.3 There will be 18 teams in Groups A,
  * 7 final stage quarter-finalists of the previous Championships (or 6 teams if the host of the final stage finished among these quarter-finalists but was not the winner),
  * 8 final stage group runners-up of the previous Championships (or 7 if the host of the final stage finished among these teams);
  * 3 teams finishing 3rd in the final stage group stage of the previous Championships with the best World Team Ranking at the moment the composition of the Groups A will be announced (or 4 teams if the host of the final stage finished among these teams).

There will be 6 groups each of 3 teams. They will play a double round robin with 2 home matches and 2 away matches. The 6 group winners and 6 group runners up will proceed directly to the final stage of the Championships. The position 3 teams will proceed to stage 2 to compete for the remaining places in the final stage.

CT 4.4.1.4 All other entered teams that took part in the previous Championships will play in Groups B. There will be groups with 3 or 4 teams depending on the number of entered teams. The matches will be played with a round robin system during one weekend and one host per group. The detailed playing system for the B groups will be published as soon as the number of entered teams is known. Depending on the number of groups, 8, 10 or 12 teams from the Groups B will proceed to stage 2 to compete for the remaining 10 places in the final stage (together with the 6 teams from the Groups A). The detailed playing system for and the number of teams from Groups B proceeding to stage 2 will be published as soon as the number of entered teams are known.

CT 4.4.1.5 All other entered teams will play in Groups C. There will be maximum 4 groups. The matches will be played with a round robin system during one weekend and one host per group. The detailed playing system and the number
of teams proceeding to Groups B will be published as soon as the number of entered teams is known.

CT 4.4.2  Stage 2
CT 4.4.2.1  6 teams from the Groups A and at least 8 from the Groups B will play in stage 2 for the remaining 10 places (or 11 places if the winner of the previous European Championships (Team Events) shall be the host for the final stage of the Championships) in the final stage.

CT 4.4.2.2  There will be groups with 3 or 4 teams. The matches will be played with a round robin system during one weekend and one host per group for the remaining 10 places in the final stage. The detailed playing system for stage 2 will be published as soon as the number of entered teams is known.

CT 4.5  Home Matches
CT 4.5.1  Home Associations shall notify the Secretary General and the visiting Associations of the venues of matches no later than 6 weeks before the dates of matches. Home Associations 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.

CT 4.5.2  A home Association which fails to notify the Secretary General of the venue of the match 6 weeks before the scheduled date may be subject to a fine of 250 €.

CT 4.6  Match Procedure
CT 4.6.1  A team shall consist of maximum 4 players.
CT 4.6.2  Each team shall appoint a playing or non-playing captain or a responsible deputy, who shall be present throughout a match.
CT 4.6.3  A match shall consist of up to 5 singles and shall be played on 1 table.
CT 4.6.4  In all matches (except those played in a round robin 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 match.

CT 4.6.5  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.

CT 4.6.6  A team may begin, continue and complete a team match only with a full complement of players, except that the Referee may, at his discretion, allow a team to play with one player absent or an individual match to be omitted from the sequence where he is satisfied that the absence is due to accident, illness, injury or other circumstances outside the control of the player or the Association concerned, including disqualification by the Referee in accordance with his authority.

CT 4.6.7  If a team 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.

CT 4.6.8  Teams shall gain 2 match points for a win, 1 for a loss in a played match and 0 for a loss in an unplayed or unfinished match.

CT 4.6.9  A team which fails to fulfil or complete a fixture may be fined up to 3,000 € by the Executive Board.
**Dress and Colours**

CT 4.7.1 For home matches the home Association shall notify the visiting Association of the colours of its playing clothing no later than 14 days before the date of the match and the visiting team shall wear different colours. If the home Association fails to do so and the colours are not sufficiently different, the home Association shall change.

CT 4.7.2 Where opposing teams have a similar shirt and cannot agree which of them will change, the decision shall be made by the umpire by lot.

**Referees and Umpires**

CT 4.8.1 The Secretary General, after consulting the Umpires and Referees Committee, shall arrange for a neutral International Umpire to fulfil the duties of the Referee. The home Association shall provide umpires to perform the duties of umpire and assistant umpire.

CT 4.8.2 The neutral International Umpire appointed by the ETTU shall receive from the home Association a daily allowance in accordance with ITTF Directives for Match Officials; the travel expenses shall be reimbursed by the home Association. ETTU shall reimburse the home Association 50% of the neutral International Umpire’s travel expenses.

CT 4.8.3 For the group matches in stage 2, arranged as a round robin group tournament, the Secretary General shall, after consulting the Umpires and Referees Committee, arrange for a neutral International Umpire to fulfil the duties of the Referee and shall in addition appoint 2 neutral International Umpires. The home Association shall provide additional umpires. The 3 neutral International Umpires appointed by the ETTU shall receive from the home Association a daily allowance in accordance with ITTF Directives for Match Officials; the travel expenses shall be reimbursed by the home Association. ETTU shall reimburse the home Association 50% of the neutral International Umpire’s travel expenses.

CT 4.8.4 Immediately after a match the Referee shall complete an official report form and send it to the Secretary General by email.

**Results**

CT 4.9.1 Immediately after a match the home Association shall send a copy of the results sheet by email to the ETTU Secretariat as well as to the ETTU Press Officer.

CT 4.9.2 An Association failing to report results as specified shall be liable to a fine of 250 €.

**Playing Conditions**

CT 4.10.1 The playing space shall not be less than 14m long, 7m wide and 5m high.

CT 4.10.2 The minimum temperature in the hall shall not be less than 18°C.

CT 4.10.3 The light intensity at the table shall be at least 800 LUX.

CT 4.10.4 All matches shall be played on an ITTF approved floor.

**Protests and Appeals**

CT 4.11.1 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 email to the ETTU Secretariat. A protest not sent latest the day after the match will not be accepted. The Board of Justice shall decide on the protest within 8 days.
CT 4.11.2  At the time of making a protest an Association shall send to the ETTU bank account a fee of 1,000 €, which will be refunded if the protest is upheld.

CT 4.11.3  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.

CT 4.11.4  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.

CT 4.12  Hospitality and Transport
CT 4.12.1  The home Association shall, to the best of their abilities, assist the visiting Association to arrange hospitality close to the venue of the match.

CT 4.12.2  The visiting Association shall pay for its hospitality except that the home Association shall provide and pay for lunch and dinner on the date of the match.

CT 4.12.3  The ETTU appointed Referee shall receive free hospitality for 1 or 2 days, depending on the possible travel arrangements.

CT 4.12.4  The visiting Association shall pay its own travel expenses, in case of travelling by air or rail to the nearest international airport or international railway station to the venue. Return transport between airport or railway station and the venue is the responsibility of the home Association. Local transport to and from the venue of the match is also the responsibility of the home Association.

CT 4.12.5  For stage 1 groups B and groups C and stage 2 groups visiting Associations shall pay for their hospitality except that the host Association shall provide and pay for lunch and dinner on the dates of the matches. The visiting Associations shall pay their own travel expenses, in case of travelling by air or rail to the nearest international airport or international railway station to the venue. Return transport between airport or railway station and the venue is the responsibility of the home Association. Local transport to and from the venue of the match is also the responsibility of the host Association. The detailed hospitality arrangements shall be published by the Secretary General.

CT 5  Final Stage
CT 5.1  Organisation
The final stage shall be organised by one member Association appointed by the ETTU Executive Board.

CT 5.2  Application Procedure and Decision
CT 5.2.1  Any Association wishing to organise the final stage of the Championships shall send a written application to the Secretary General.

CT 5.2.2  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.

CT 5.2.3  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.

CT 5.2.4  The Executive Board shall appoint the organising Association, after the evaluation of the presentations held by the applicants.
CT 5.2.5 The final stage 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.

CT 5.3 Date and Duration
CT 5.3.1 The final stage of the Championships shall be held between 14th September and 31st October over a period of 6 days.
CT 5.3.2 The ETTU Competition Manager shall prepare a playing schedule for the organising Association and submit it to the Chair of the Technical Committee and to the Secretary General for approval.

CT 5.4. Rights and Obligations
CT 5.4.1 All international TV, Internet, equipment, advertising and marketing rights are vested in the ETTU. The exact distribution of responsibilities in these matters shall be stated in the Directives and finally laid down in the contract between ETTU and the organising Association.
CT 5.4.2 All gate receipts belong to the organising Association.

CT 5.5 Entry
CT 5.5.1 The final stage shall be open for entry to 24 teams for men’s and women’s event: the host of the final stage, the winner of the previous European Championships (Team Events) and 22 teams which have proceeded through stage 1 and stage 2 to the final stage.
CT 5.5.2 If a team will not be able to participate the Executive Board shall have the right to fill the vacant place in the final stage as necessary.
CT 5.5.3 Each Association shall be entitled to enter up to 5 players in a men’s team and up to 5 players in a women’s team.

CT 5.6 Entry Forms
CT 5.6.1 The prospectus shall be agreed by the organising Association with the Secretary General.
CT 5.6.2 Associations have to enter all their participants to the final stage 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 captains, that they understand and accept the conditions of the final stage, that they are prepared to compete against all other teams participating and that they are insured fully against illness and injury for the duration of the final stage.

CT 5.7 Modification
CT 5.7.1 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 final stage). 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.
CT 5.8 Entry Fees and Levies
CT 5.8.1 There shall be a levy of 20,000 € payable to the ETTU on the organising Association for the final stage and an entry fee of 2,000 € per team.
CT 5.8.2 The relevant entry fees from the participating teams must be paid to the ETTU bank account at the time of the submission of entries. Otherwise, the entries will not be accepted. Teams that fail to arrive at the final stage without notification in writing to the organising Association and the ETTU will be fined by the Executive Board 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.
CT 5.8.3 The entry fees as well as other pre-payment will not be refunded if an entered Association fails to arrive at the final stage of the Championships.

CT 5.9 Hospitality
CT 5.9.1 All Associations shall cover 100% of their own hospitality costs for their participants, including players and coaches.
CT 5.9.2 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.
CT 5.9.3 The organising Association shall provide free hospitality from the evening before the final stage begins until the morning after they end for the

- Executive Board members,
- ETTU Sub-Committee Chairs,
- Club Competitions Official,
- Press and Medical Officials or their deputies,
- Competition Manager,
- Honorary Members,
- 6 ETTU staff members and
- all invited foreign umpires.

CT 5.9.4 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.
CT 5.9.5 The costs of hospitality for persons not entitled to free hospitality, shall be agreed at least 6 months in advance by the Executive Board, and shall be subject to a contract between ETTU and the organising Association.
CT 5.9.6 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.
CT 5.9.7 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 and when the draw is conducted.
**CT 5.10 Cancellation fees**

CT 5.10.1 An Association cancelling a person of their announced delegation after the deadline of the final entries up to 10 days before the Championships starts shall pay a cancellation fee of 100 € per person to the organising Association.

CT 5.10.2 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.

**CT 5.11 System of Play**

CT 5.11.1 The 24 teams are entitled to play for the title of European Team Champion.

CT 5.11.2 There will be 8 groups of 3 teams each. The seeding list will be provided by the Ranking Committee. The draw will be conducted by placing the top 8 teams as No. 1 in groups A, B, C, D, E, F, G and H respectively, followed by drawing the remaining teams 4 by 4 for the No. 2 and No. 3 positions into the 8 groups.

Each group shall play a complete round robin (2 matches per team). Teams finishing in 2nd and 3rd positions in the groups have completed their matches.

CT 5.11.3 Group winners proceed to the quarter-finals. From the quarter-finals the knockout system will be used. The winner of group A goes to position 1, the winner of group B goes to position 8, the winners of group C and D shall be drawn between positions 4 and 5. The winners of groups E, F, G and H shall be drawn by lot into the remaining places.

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1  Winner group A
2  Winner gp. E/F/G/H
3  Winner gp. E/F/G/H
4  Winner group C/D
5  Winner group C/D
6  Winner gp. E/F/G/H
7  Winner gp. E/F/G/H
8  Winner group B
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CT 5.11.4 The draw for the quarter-finals will be conducted by the Referee in close cooperation with the ETTU Competition Manager and the Chairs of the Technical and Ranking Committees.

CT 5.11.5 The winner of the knockout beginning with the quarter-final is the European Champion.

**CT 5.12 Match Procedure**

CT 5.12.1 A men's or women's team shall consist of maximum 4 players.

CT 5.12.2 Each team shall appoint a playing or non-playing captain or a responsible deputy, who shall be present throughout a match.

CT 5.12.3 A match shall consist of up to 5 singles and shall be played on 1 table.

CT 5.12.4 One team is considered to be composed of the players A1, A2, A3, and the other team is considered to be composed of the players B1, B2, B3.
The order of play in a team match shall be A1 v B2, A2 v B1, A3 v B3, A1 v B1, A2 v B2, and the match shall end when a team has won 3 singles, each the best of 5 games.

CT 5.12.5 Before the match the captains shall decide by lot the right to choose A1-A2-A3 or B1-B2-B3 and shall nominate their players to the referee or his representative, assigning a letter to each player. After the second single in a team match, player N°4 of the team may replace player A1 or A2 (for the home team) respectively player B1 or B2 (for the away team). Such a player substitution must be announced by the respective team captain to the Referee at the latest before the start of the third singles match.

CT 5.13 Default
CT 5.13.1 An Association whose team is entered in the draw but which fails to compete in the event without adequate justification may be subject to disciplinary action by the ETTU Executive Board.

CT 5.13.2 A team may begin, continue and complete a team match only with a full complement of players, except that the Referee may, at his discretion, allow a team to play with one player absent or an individual match to be omitted from the sequence where he is satisfied that the absence is due to accident, illness, injury or other circumstances outside the control of the player or the Association concerned, including disqualification by the Referee in accordance with his authority.

CT 5.13.3 An Association whose team begins to play in the final stage but which fails to complete its schedule of matches shall be liable to forfeit its entitlement to hospitality for its representatives at the final stage; appeal against such forfeit may be made to the Jury, whose decision shall be final.

CT 5.14 Draw
CT 5.14.1 The draw for the final stage groups shall take place at least 30 days before the start of the final stage and its outcome shall be published on the day of the draw.

CT 5.14.2 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 and the Chairs of the Technical and Ranking Committees.

CT 5.15 Jury
CT 5.15.1 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.

CT 5.15.2 The chair of the Jury shall be the Chair of the Technical Committee.

CT 5.15.3 The ETTU Competition Manager may attend the Jury meetings with the right to speak but without the right to vote.

CT 5.15.4 The Jury shall meet on the eve of the final stage and at any other time when necessary.

CT 5.16 Trophies and Awards
CT 5.16.1 Trophies for the winners of men’s team and women’s team events shall be presented.

CT 5.16.2 The organising Association shall provide new trophies, medals and plaques.

CT 5.16.3 Trophies, medals and plaques shall be presented to the members including non-playing captains, of teams finishing 1st, 2nd, 3rd (2 teams).
CT 5.17 **Flags and Anthems**

CT 5.17.1 At award ceremonies the national flags of winners, runners-up and losing semi-finalists of team events shall be raised and the national anthems of the winners shall be played.

CT 5.18 **Referees and Umpires**

CT 5.18.1 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.

CT 5.18.2 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 member 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 final stage the umpires shall be from Associations other than those of the players in the match.

CT 5.18.3 All invited foreign match officials shall receive from the organising Association a daily allowance in accordance with ITTF Directives for Match Officials.

CT 5.19 **Programme**

CT 5.19.1 The official programme shall specify that the final stage of 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.

CT 5.20 **Facilities**

CT 5.20.1 The organising Association shall ensure free access to any part of the playing hall for all the players, officials and persons mentioned in CT 5.9.3 and shall provide them with preferential seats throughout the Championships.

CT 5.20.2 During the period of the final stage the organising Association shall make available to the ETTU rooms and facilities for the Congress and committee meetings.

CT 5.20.3 During the final stage an area with seats shall be specifically allocated to team doctors and/or physiotherapists close to the playing area.

CT 5.20.4 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 final stage of the championships.
CT 5.21  Doping Control
CT 5.21.1 Doping control shall be carried out in accordance with ITTF Anti-Doping rules.

CT 5.22  Electronic Tournament System
CT 5.22.1 An ETTU approved electronic tournament system must be used for all European Championships.
D EUROPEAN YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

D.1 AUTHORITY FOR ORGANISATION
D.1.1 The championships shall consist of events for juniors and for cadets; they shall be organised by one member Association appointed by the ETTU Executive Board.

D.1.2 Application procedure and decision
D.1.2.1 Any Association wishing to organise the championships shall send a written application to the ETTU Secretary General.

D.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.

D.1.2.3 The Regulations, Directives and the directives for presentations can be obtained from the Secretary General, who will also set the date for the presentations.

D.1.2.4 The Executive Board, together with the Chair of the Youth Committee, shall appoint the organising Association, after the evaluation of the presentations held by the applicants.

D.1.2.5 The championships shall be organised according to the provisions of a contract between the ETTU and the Host 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.

D.2 RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS
D.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 the ETTU and the organising Association.

D.2.2 All gate receipts belong to the organising Association.

D.3 QUALIFICATION
D.3.1 The championships shall be open for entry to all member Associations whose subscriptions are not in arrears.

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

D.3.3 Junior players shall be under 18 years of age and cadet players shall be under 15 years of age on 31st December immediately before the start of the year in which the championships will take place.

D.3.4 A cadet who competes in a junior event may not compete in the corresponding cadet event.
D.4 DATE and DURATION
D.4.1 The championships shall be held every year preferably from the 2nd Friday until the 3rd Sunday in July over a period of 10 days.
D.4.2 The organising Association, in cooperation with the ETTU Competition Manager, shall submit an outline playing schedule to the Chair of the Youth Committee and the Secretary General for approval.

D.5 EVENTS
D.5.1 The championships shall include boys’ team, girls’ team, boys’ singles, girls’ singles, boys’ doubles, girls’ doubles and mixed doubles events for juniors and cadets.
D.5.2 The final ranking of the junior boy’s and girl’s team events determines the qualification for the same year’s ITTF World Junior Championships.

D.6 ENTRY FEE and LEVIES
D.6.1 The entry fee paid to the organising Association shall be 40 € for each participating Association and there shall be a levy of 125 € on each Association participating in a team event, payable to the ETTU.
D.6.2 The relevant entry fee must be paid to the ETTU bank account at the time of the submission of entries. Otherwise, the entries will not be accepted.
All teams that fail to arrive at the European Youth Championships without notification in writing to the organising Association and the ETTU prior to the team draw will be fined by the Secretary General with an amount of up to 5,000 € and entry into the next European Youth Championships will only be accepted if payment of entry fees and hospitality charges are made in full to the organisers at the same time as the entry form.
D.6.3 The entry fees and levies as well as other pre-payment will not be refunded if an Association fails to arrive to the European Youth Championships.

D.7 ENTRIES

D.7.1 Numbers
D.7.1.1 An Association may enter only one team in each team event.
D.7.1.2 The organising Association shall be entitled to enter up to 20 players, consisting of not more than 6 players participating in junior boys singles, doubles and mixed doubles, 6 players participating in junior girls singles, doubles and mixed doubles, 4 players participating in cadet boys events and mixed doubles, 4 players participating in cadet girls events and mixed doubles, but may not enter more than 5 players participating in junior boys team and 5 players participating in junior girls team.
D.7.1.3 Each other Association shall be entitled to enter up to 18 players, consisting of not more than 5 players participating in junior boys events and mixed doubles, 5 players
participating in junior girls events and mixed doubles, 4 players participating in cadet boys events and mixed doubles, 4 players participating in cadet girls events and mixed doubles.

D.7.2 **Entry Forms**

D.7.2.1 The Prospectus shall be agreed by the organising Association with the Secretary General and shall be distributed to all member Associations.

D.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.

D.7.3 **Modification**

D.7.3.1 The Secretary General may accept alterations of names only, if notified by a representative of the nominating Association and only up to the deadline fixed in the prospectus, with the possibility to complete, up to the first jury meeting, the team in case of illness or injury.

D.7.3.2 After the draw for the team event, the Secretary General may accept replacement(s) of players in a team only if the total number of ranking points of the 3 (for junior teams) or 2 (for cadet teams) highest ranked players per team in the current ranking will not bring the team to a higher position after the replacement(s), than the position of this team that had been taken into account for the draw.

D.7.3.3 A player included in a team or individual event 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.

D.8 **HOSPITALITY**

D.8.1 The organising Association shall provide 50% of the cost of hospitality (on the basis of the price for a double room) from the evening before the championships begin until the morning after they end for:

- D.8.1.1 up to 6 players of an Association entering at least 2 junior teams or 1 junior team and 2 cadet teams;
- D.8.1.2 up to 5 players of an Association entering 1 junior team and 1 cadet team;
- D.8.1.3 up to 4 players of an Association entering 2 cadet teams;
- D.8.1.4 up to 3 players of an Association entering 1 junior team;
D.8.1.5 up to 2 players of an Association entering only 1 cadet team or only individual players;
D.8.1.6 up to 2 officials of an Association entering 4 teams;
D.8.1.7 1 official only of any other Association entering teams or players.

**D.8.1.8 Cancellation fees**

D.8.1.8.1 An Association cancelling a person of their announced delegation after the deadline of the final entries up to 10 days before the championships starts shall pay a cancellation fee of 100 € per person to the organising Association.

D.8.1.8.2 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 each missing person and for the whole period initially nominated.

D.8.2 The organising Association shall provide free hospitality from dinner before the championships begin until breakfast after they end for

D.8.2.1 the Executive Board members, the Press and the Medical Officials or their deputies, the Chairs of the Youth and Ranking Committees, up to 4 Youth Committee members and 3 ETTU staff members;

D.8.2.2 all invited foreign umpires.

D.8.3 The organising Association shall provide free hospitality from dinner 2 days before the championships begin until breakfast after they end for the referee and all foreign deputy referees plus the referee’s travel expenses.

D.8.4 The participating Associations have to use the accommodation provided by the organiser. The hospitality costs include accommodation in hotels (approved by ETTU), all meals of a high quality, transport from the airport/railway station to the hotel and venue, the shuttle bus transportation during the competition between hall and hotel, the accreditation to the competition with guaranteed seats for the final matches.

D.8.5 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.

D.8.6 The cost of hospitality for persons not entitled to free hospitality shall be agreed at least one year in advance by the Executive Board.

**D.9 THE DRAW**

D.9.1 The draw for team events shall take place at least 20 days before the start of the championships and its outcome shall be published on the day of the draw and circulated to all participants not later than 2 days after it has taken place.

D.9.2 For team events and individual events, no entry will be accepted after the dead-line fixed in the prospectus.

D.9.3 All teams that did not inform the organising Association of their exact arrival time (in case of air or train) or expected arrival time in case of
road transportation will be automatically removed 12 hours before the Jury Meeting.

D.9.4 The draw for individual events shall take place during the team events.

D.9.5 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.

D.9.6 Seeding for team events and individual events shall be based upon the additional regulations in Annex 1.

D.10 JURY

D.10.1 The Jury shall consist of the Chair of the Youth Committee or deputy, the Chair of the Ranking Committee or deputy, a representative of the organising Association, the ETTU Secretary General or a representative of the Executive Board and the Referee or deputy.

D.10.2 The chair of the Jury shall be the Chair or deputy of the Youth Committee.

D.10.3 All members of the Jury shall have the right to speak and to vote. The ETTU Competition Manager may attend the Jury meetings with the right to speak but without the right to vote.

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

D.11 TEAM EVENTS

D.11.1 System of Play

D.11.1.1 Team events shall be played in several stages. The first stage shall be played in groups and the following stages either in groups, or in “progressive knockout”, or in play-off matches. In progressive knockout and play-off matches, the final match to determine final positions will only be played if necessary to decide on the level for the following year’s championships or for qualification for other events. All teams taking part in the championships shall have the possibility to win the title of European Champion.

D.11.1.2 In the first stage the teams shall be divided into 2 levels and assigned to groups according to their final positions after the previous championships. Teams that did not take part in the previous championships shall be classified according to the principles proposed by the Ranking Committee and approved by the Executive Committee.

D.11.1.3 Allocation of match points and ranking order in groups

D.11.1.3.1 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.

D.11.1.3.2 Where 2 or more teams in a group 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 individual matches, games and points, as far as is necessary to determine the order.
D.11.1.3.3 If after any step the positions of one or more teams have been determined while others are still equal, the results of matches in which those teams took part shall be excluded from any further calculations needed to resolve the equalities in accordance with the procedure of D.11.1.3.1 and D.11.1.3.2.

D.11.1.3.4 Where 2 or more teams have gained the same number 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.

D.11.1.4 Details of the playing system and seeding for team and individual events are described in Annex 2.

D.11.2 Junior Boys’ and Junior Girls’ Teams

D.11.2.1 A junior team shall consist of 3 players.

D.11.2.2 Each team shall appoint a non-playing captain and he, or a responsible deputy, shall be present throughout the match.

D.11.2.3 A match shall consist of up to 5 singles and shall be played on 1 table.

D.11.2.4 Before the match the captains shall decide by lot the right to choose A,B,C or X,Y,Z and shall nominate their singles players to the Referee or his representative, assigning a letter to each player.

D.11.2.5 The order of play shall be A v X, B v Y, C v Z, A v Y, B v X and the match shall end when a team has won 3 individual matches, each the best of 5 games.

D.11.3 Cadet Teams

D.11.3.1 A cadet team shall consist of 2, 3 or 4 players.

D.11.3.2 Each team shall appoint a non-playing captain and he, or a responsible deputy, shall be present throughout the match.

D.11.3.3 Before the match the captains shall decide by lot the right to choose A,B or X,Y and shall nominate their singles players to the Referee or his representative, assigning a letter to each player; a captain need not name his doubles pair until the completion of the first 2 singles matches.

D.11.3.4 The order of play shall be A v X, B v Y, the doubles, A v Y, B v X and the match shall end when a team has won 3 individual matches, each the best of 5 games.

D.11.3.5 A player who is required to play in successive matches is entitled to an interval of up to 5 minutes between these matches.

D.11.4 Default

D.11.4.1 An Association whose team is entered in the draw but which fails to compete in the event without adequate justification may be subject to disciplinary action, imposed by the Secretary General.

D.11.4.2 A team may begin, continue and complete a team match only with a full complement of players, except that the referee may, at his discretion, allow a team to play with one player absent or an individual match to be omitted from the sequence where he is satisfied that the absence
is due to accident, illness, injury or other circumstances outside the control of the player or the Association concerned, including disqualification by the referee in accordance with his authority.

D.11.4.3 An Association whose team begins to play in the event but which fails to complete its schedule of matches shall be liable to forfeit its entitlement to hospitality for its representatives at the championships; appeal against such forfeit may be made to the Jury, whose decision shall be final.

D.12 INDIVIDUAL EVENTS
D.12.1 In singles events 32 seeded players shall be directly placed in first rounds of the knockout stage. All remaining players shall play in a qualification stage in groups of 3 or 4 players. In the qualification stage matches shall be the best of 5 games, in the knockout stage all matches shall be the best of 7 games.

D.12.2 All doubles events shall be played on a knockout basis. All doubles matches shall be the best of 5 games.

D.13 TROPHIES AND AWARDS
D.13.1 Plaques shall be presented to the winners of team and individual events.

D.13.2 In addition, medals shall be presented to all members, including non-playing captains, of teams placed 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th in team events and to winners, runners-up and losing semi-finalists of individual events.

D.14 FLAGS and ANTHEMS
D.14.1 At award ceremonies for both, team and individual events, the national flags of winners, runners-up and losing semi-finalists shall be raised and the national anthems of winners shall be played.

D.15 REFEREES and UMPIRES
D.15.1 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 2 days before the start of the event.

D.15.2 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. Not later than 3 months before the event, the ETTU shall inform the Associations about the selections and post the list onto the ETTU URC website. For all matches during the championships the umpires shall be from Associations other than those of the players in the match.

D.15.3 All invited foreign officials shall receive from the organising Association a daily allowance in accordance with ITTF Directives for Match Officials.

D.16 PROGRAMME
D.16.1 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.

D.17 FACILITIES
D.17.1 The organising Association shall ensure free access to any part of the playing hall for all the players, officials and persons mentioned in D.8.2.1, D.8.2.2 and D.8.2.3 and shall provide them with preferential seats throughout the championships.

D.17.2 During the period of the championships the organising Association shall make available to the ETTU rooms and facilities for meetings.

D.17.3 During the championships an area with seats shall be specifically allocated to team doctors and/or physiotherapists close to the playing area.

D.17.4 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.

D.18 ELECTRONIC TOURNAMENT SYSTEM
D.18.1 An ETTU approved electronic tournament system must be used for all European Youth Championships.
D EUROPEAN YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. Junior Categories:

   1.1 Seeding for junior team events shall be based on the World Rankings for juniors and in addition on the total number of ranking points for the 3 highest ranked players per team at the time of the draw.
   1.2 Seeding for the individual events of the junior categories shall be based on the current World Rankings for juniors.
   1.3 For the seeding of doubles pairs, additional points may be given to players or pairs with good results in doubles during the current season.

2. Cadet Categories:

   2.1 Seeding for cadet team events shall be based on the World Rankings for cadets adding the total number of ranking points for the 2 highest ranked players per team at the time of the draw.
   2.2 The seeding for the individual events of the cadet categories shall be based on the current World Rankings for cadets.
   2.3 For the seeding of doubles pairs, additional points may be given to players or pairs with good results in doubles during the current season.
PLAYING SYSTEM FOR THE TEAM EVENTS

THE TOTAL NUMBER OF TEAMS ENTERED IS HIGHER THAN 36

STAGE I: The teams are divided in 2 levels:

LEVEL 1: 16 teams: 4 groups [A,B,C,D] of 4 teams. The top 15 teams of the final ranking of the previous Championships and the teams having finished in position 17 (winner of Stage III, Level 2).

LEVEL 2: The remaining teams: 6 groups [E,F,G,H,I,J] of 3, 4 or 5 teams, depending on the number of entries. The teams having finished 16, 18 or lower in the final ranking of the previous Championships and all teams not having participated in the previous Championships.

STAGE II: Play off matches:

1. 2 play off matches between the 3rds of the STAGE I/LEVEL 1 groups, play-off matches of which the winners play in STAGE II/LEVEL 1 and the losers play a second play-off match against the winners of the STAGE I/LEVEL 2 Groups.

2. 6 play-off matches between the winners of the STAGE I/LEVEL 2 Groups, and the 4ths of the STAGE I/LEVEL 1 Groups and the 3rds of STAGE I/LEVEL 1 Groups who lost the first play-off matches mentioned in point 1.

STAGE III:

LEVEL 1: Final places 1 to 16
Progressive K.O. format for 16 teams being
- the first 2 of each of the 4 STAGE I/LEVEL 1 groups, 8
- the winners of the 2 play-offs matches between the 3rds of the STAGE I/LEVEL 1 groups, 2
- the winners of the 6 play-off matches Nr 2, 6
The last round of the progressive K.O. will only be played if necessary to decide on the level for the following year or for the qualification for other events.
The team finishing in position 16 is relegated to Level 2 in Stage 1 of the following year’s Championships.

LEVEL 2: Final places 17 to 28

4 groups [K,L,M,N] of 3 teams and afterwards 1 match between the first, second and third of each group. A second match to determine the final position will only be played if necessary to decide on the level for the following year or for the qualification for other events.
- the losers of the 6 play-off matches Nr 2, 6
- the 2nds of the 6 STAGE 1/LEVEL 2 groups, 6
The team finishing in position 17 is promoted to Level 1 in Stage 1 of the following year’s Championships.

LEVEL 3: Final places 29 to xxx

- the 3rds and 4ths of the 6 STAGE I/LEVEL 2 groups
With 37 entries: 3 groups [O,P,Q] of 3 and afterwards 3 new groups [R,S,T] of 3 with the 1sts, 2nds and 3rds of the first groups of 3.
With 38 entries: 2 groups of 3 and 1 of 4 [O,P,Q] and afterwards 3 new groups [R,S,T] of 3 with the 1sts, 2nds and 3rds of the first groups of 3.
With 39 entries: 1 groups of 3 and 2 of 4 [O,P,Q] and afterwards 3 new groups [R,S,T] of 3 with the 1sts, 2nds and 3rds of the first groups of 3.
With 40 or more entries: A second match to determine the final position will only be played if necessary to decide on the level for the following year or for the qualification for other events.
With 40 to 44 entries: 4 groups [O,P,Q,R] first groups of 3 or 4 and afterwards 1 match between the first, second, third and if 42 or more entries also fourth of each group.
With 45 to 48 entries: 4 groups [O,P,Q,R] of 4 or 5 and afterwards 1 match between the first, second, third, fourth and if 46 or more entries also fifth of each group.
DRAWS - MORE THAN 36 TEAMS

STAGE I:
Seeding for junior team events shall be based on the current World Rankings for juniors and in addition on the total number of ranking points for the 3 highest ranked players per team. Seeding for cadet team events shall be based on the current World Ranking for cadets adding the total number of ranking points for the 2 highest ranked players per team.

LEVEL 1:
- The teams ranked 1, 2, 3 and 4 shall be placed in descending ranking order respectively at the top of Groups A, B, C and D.
- The teams ranked 5 and 6 shall be drawn among Groups C and D.
- The teams ranked 7 and 8 shall be drawn among Groups A and B.
- The teams ranked 9 and 12 shall be drawn among the 4 groups.
- Finally the teams ranked 13, 14, 15 and 16 shall be drawn among the 4 groups.

LEVEL 2:
- The teams ranked 17 to 22 shall be placed in descending ranking order respectively at the top of Groups E, F, G, H, I and J.
- The remaining teams shall be drawn 3 by 3 among the 6 groups taking into account the “snake system” procedure.
- If the number of teams is not a multiple of 6 the last remaining teams shall be drawn among the groups taking into account the “snake system” procedure.

STAGE II:
- For the play-off matches Nr 1, there shall be a free draw among the 4 teams having finished 3rd in the STAGE I/LEVEL 1 groups.
- For the play-off matches Nr 2
  - the losers of play-off matches Nr 1 shall be drawn each against the winner of one of the groups G,H,I or J.
  - the 4ths of the STAGE I/LEVEL 1 matches shall be drawn each against a winner of one of the remaining STAGE I/LEVEL 2 Groups.

STAGE III:
LEVEL 1:
- A1 shall be placed in position 1.
- B1 shall be placed in position 16.
- C1 and D1 shall be drawn among positions 8 or 9.
- A2, B2, C2 and D2 shall be drawn among position 4, 5, 12 or 13, but in the opposite half of the first team of their initial group.
- The 2 winners of the STAGE II play-off matches Nr. 1 shall be drawn among positions 3, 6, 11, or 14, but in another quarter than the first two of their initial group.
- The 6 winners of the play-off matches Nr 2 shall be drawn among the remaining places, starting with the teams who played in LEVEL 1 in STAGE I, which teams shall be drawn in a quarter not containing already a team of their initial group. Furthermore when one of those teams is a loser of one of the play-off matches Nr. 1, it shall be drawn as far as possible from the winner of that match.

LEVEL 2:
The 6 losers of the play-off matches Nr 2 shall be drawn freely among the groups K, L, M and N (not more than 2 in a same group).
- The 2nds of the STAGE I/LEVEL 2 Groups shall be drawn freely among the remaining places, but not in a group containing already a team of their initial group.
- After the groups K,L,M and N are finished, the teams of Group K play against those of Group L and the teams of Group M play against those of Group N.

LEVEL 3:
The 3rds of the 6 STAGE I/LEVEL 1 groups shall be drawn among the Groups O, P and Q (2 in each group) (Or with 40 or more teams among the groups O, P, Q and R).
- The 4ths of the 6 STAGE I/LEVEL 1 groups shall be drawn in the remaining places, but not in a group containing already a team of their initial group.
- After the groups, with 40 or more teams, the teams of Group O play against those of Group P and those of Group Q against those of Group R.
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THE TOTAL NUMBER OF TEAMS ENTERED IS 36 OR LOWER

STAGE I:

LEVEL 1: Same system as in the chapter “THE TOTAL NUMBER OF TEAMS ENTERED IS HIGHER THAN 36”.

LEVEL 2: The remaining teams. 4 groups [E,F,G,H] of 3, 4 or 5 teams, depending on the number of entries. The team having finished 16, 18 or lower in the final ranking of the previous Championships and all teams not having participated in the previous Championships.

STAGE II: Play-off matches
1. 4 play-off matches between the teams finishing 3rd in the STAGE I/LEVEL 1 groups and the teams finishing 2nd in the STAGE I/LEVEL 2 groups, 4
2. 4 play-off matches between the teams finishing 4th in the STAGE I/LEVEL 1 groups and the teams finishing 1st in the STAGE I/LEVEL 2 groups, 4

STAGE III:

LEVEL 1: Final places 1 to 16
Progressive K.O. format for 16 teams, being
- the first 2 of each of the 4 STAGE I/LEVEL 1 groups, 8
- the winners of the 4 play-off matches between the 3rds of the STAGE I/LEVEL 1 groups and the 2nds of the STAGE I/LEVEL 2 groups, 4
- the winners of the 4 play-off matches between the 4ths of the STAGE I/LEVEL 1 Groups and the 1sts of the STAGE I/LEVEL 2 Groups, 4
The last round of the progressive knockout will only be played if necessary to decide on the level for the next year or for the qualification for other events. The team finishing in position 16 is relegated to Level 2 in Stage 1 of the following year’s Championships.

LEVEL 2: Final places 17 to 24
Progressive K.O. format for 8 teams, being
- the losers of the 4 play-off matches between the 3rds of the STAGE I/LEVEL 1 groups and the 2nds of the STAGE I/LEVEL 2 groups, 4
- the losers of the 4 play-off matches between the 4ths of the STAGE I/LEVEL 1 groups and the 1sts of the STAGE I/LEVEL 2 groups, 4
The last round of the progressive knockout will only be played if necessary to decide on the level for the following year or for the qualification for other events. The team finishing in position 17 is promoted to Level 1 in Stage I of the following year’s Championships.

LEVEL 3: Final places 25 to xxx
- the 3rds, 4ths and 5ths of the STAGE I/LEVEL 2 groups
With 35 or 36 entries: after the groups, a second match to determine the final position will only be played if necessary to decide on the level for the following year or for the qualification for other events.
With 36 entries: 4 groups of 3 [O,P,Q,R] and afterwards 1 match between the 1sts, the 2nds and the 3rds of the first groups.
With 35 entries: 3 groups of 3 and 1 group of 2 [O,P,Q,R] and afterwards 1 match between the 1sts, 2nds and 3rds of the first groups.
With 34 entries: 2 groups of 5 [O,P].
With 33 entries: 1 group of 5 and 1 group of 4 [O,P].
With 32 entries: 2 groups of 4 [O,P].
With 31 entries: 1 group of 4 and 1 group of 3 [O,P].
With 30 entries: 1 group of 6 teams [O].
With 29 entries: 1 group of 5 teams [O].
With 28 entries: 1 group of 4 teams [O].
DRAWS - 36 TEAMS OR LESS

Stage I
Seeding for cadet team events shall be based on the current World Ranking for cadets adding the total number of ranking points for the 2 highest ranked players per team in this Ranking. Seeding for junior team events shall be based on the current World Rankings for juniors and in addition on the total number of ranking points for the 3 highest ranked players per team.

LEVEL 1
- The teams ranked 1, 2, 3 and 4 shall be placed in descending ranking order respectively at the top of Groups A, B, C and D.
- The teams ranked 5 and 6 shall be drawn among Groups C and D.
- The teams ranked 7 and 8 shall be drawn among Groups A and B.
- The 8 remaining teams (ranked 9 to 16) shall be drawn 4 by 4 among the 4 groups.

LEVEL 2
- The teams ranked 17 to 20 shall be placed in descending ranking order respectively at the top of Groups E, F, G and H.
- The remaining teams shall be drawn 2 by 2 among the 4 groups taking into account the “snake system” procedure.

STAGE II:
- For the play-off matches Nr 1, each team having finished 2nd in STAGE 1/LEVEL 2 shall be drawn against one of the teams having finished 3rd in STAGE 1/LEVEL 1.
- For the play-off matches Nr 2, each team having finished 1st in STAGE 1/LEVEL 2 shall be drawn against one of the teams having finished 4th in STAGE 1/LEVEL 1.

STAGE III:

LEVEL 1
- A1 shall be placed in position 1.
- B1 shall be placed in position 16.
- C1 and D1 shall be drawn among positions 8 or 9.
- A2, B2, C2 and D2 shall be drawn among positions 4, 5, 12 or 13, but in the opposite half of the first team of their initial group.
- The winners of the STAGE II play-off matches shall be drawn among positions 2, 3, 6, 7, 10, 11, 14 or 15 but, when relevant, in another quarter than the first two of their initial group.

LEVEL 2
- The losers of the play off matches Nr 2 shall be drawn among positions 1, 4, 5 and 8.
- The losers of the play off matches Nr 1 shall be drawn among the remaining places, but, when relevant, in another half than the other team of their initial group.

LEVEL 3
- With 35 or 36 teams, the 3rds of the 4 STAGE 1/LEVEL 2 groups shall be drawn among Groups O, P, Q and R; with 31, 32, 33 or 34 teams they shall be drawn among Groups O and P.
- With 35 or 36 teams, the 4ths of the 4 STAGE 1/LEVEL 2 groups shall be drawn among Groups O, P, Q and R; with 32, 33 or 34 teams they shall be drawn among Groups O and P, but when relevant, in another group than the other team of their initial group.
- With 35 or 36 teams, the 5ths of the STAGE 1/LEVEL 2 groups shall be drawn among Groups O, P, Q and R; with 33 or 34 teams they shall be drawn among Groups O and P, but when relevant, in another group than the other team of their initial group.
- After the group matches, when there are 4 groups the teams of Group O play against those of Group P and those of Group Q against those of Group R.
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 Executive Board.
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 Secretary General.
E.1.2.2 The following conditions have to be acknowledged:
- The closing date for applications shall be specified by the Secretary General 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.
E.1.2.3 The Regulations, the Directives and the directives for presentations can be obtained from the Secretary General, who will also set the date for the presentations.
E.1.2.4 The Executive Board, together with the chair 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 12 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, as far as practicable.

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 Directives and finally laid down in the contract between the ETTU and the organising Association.
E.2.2 All gate receipts belong to the organising 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 European Veterans Championships 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:

- 40-44 years
- 45-49 years
- 50-54 years
- 55-59 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, the ETTU shall 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 6 days, including a rest day, between the middle of May and the middle of July.

E.5.2 The organising Association, in cooperation with the ETTU Competition Manager, shall submit 4 months before the championships, an outline playing schedule to the Secretary General and the Chair of the Veterans Committee 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 20,000 €.

E.6.3 There shall be a levy of 20 € per participating player, payable to the ETTU.

E.7 ENTRIES
E.7.1 Entry Forms
E.7.1.1 Entries shall be made using the ETTU online entry system.

E.7.1.2 The online entry system shall be opened at least 6 months before the championships; reimbursement of entry fees paid, in case of withdrawal, shall be stated in the prospectus. There shall be no refund of entry fees paid in case of withdrawal, during the 4 weeks immediately before the championships.
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E.7.1.3 Every entered player shall accept responsibility for his/her health condition and for his/her participation.

E.7.1.4 Neither the 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 alterations of entries of doubles entries only in case of verified absence of one of the players until 10:00 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 accommodation alternatives for players within the prospectus.

E.8.2 The organising Association shall provide free hospitality from dinner before the championships begin until breakfast after they end for

E.8.2.1 3 Executive Board members, the Chair and 2 members of the Veterans Committee, the Chair of the Ranking Committee or deputy and 3 ETTU staff members. Neither the ETTU officials nor a member of the Organising Committee is allowed to participate in the competition.

E.8.2.2 all invited foreign umpires.

E.8.3 The organising Association shall provide free hospitality from dinner 2 days before the championships begin until breakfast after they end for the referee and all foreign referees plus the referee’s travel expenses.

E.8.4 The organising Association shall provide free hospitality and reimburse the travel costs for the ETTU Competition Manager when the facilities and proposed playing conditions are inspected.

E.9 THE DRAW

E.9.1 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 Secretary General.

E.9.2 The draws for the European Veterans title events and for the consolation events will take place in every category immediately after completion of the qualifying matches of the corresponding events.

E.9.3 Seeding will be made on the basis of seeding lists set up in cooperation between representatives of the Ranking and Veterans Committees.

E.10 JURY

E.10.1 The Jury shall consist of the Chair of the Veterans Committee or deputy, the Chair of the Ranking Committee or deputy, a representative of the organising Association, the ETTU Secretary General or a representative of the Executive Board and the Referee or deputy. No member of the Jury is entitled to participate in the competition.
E.10.2 The chair of the Jury shall be the Chair or deputy of the Veterans Committee.

E.10.3 All members of the Jury shall have the right to speak and to vote. The ETTU Competition Manager may attend the Jury meetings with the right to speak but without the right 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 2 stages.

E.11.2 In the first stage there will be qualifying groups of 3 or 4 players or pairs, depending on the number of entries. If there are 5 players or pairs in an event, the event will be played in one group of 5 players or pairs.

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.11.3 and E.11.4.

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 competitions shall be played on a knock-out basis.

If the number of players or pairs in an event is 5 or less, a second stage will not be played and the winner of the group will be the European Champion in this event.

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 4 will be drawn in the opposite half to players or pairs having finished in position 3 of the same group.

E.11.9 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 2 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 title events and to the winners and runners-up in the consolation events.
E.12.2 A nominative diploma as well as a small gift (bag, souvenir) shall be given to all participants free of charge.

E.13 REFEREES and UMPIRES
E.13.1 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 2 days before the start of the event.
E.13.2 The organising Association will provide International and National umpires for the second stage of the title events and the finals of the consolation events.
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 events, the loser of a match shall umpire 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.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 100 €, 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 E.8.
E.16.2 During the period of the championships the organising Association shall make available to the ETTU rooms and facilities for 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 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 wear their entry numbers.

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” regulation.

E.17.5 No advertisement for alcoholic drinks and tobacco shall be worn by the players in the playing halls.

E.18 ELECTRONIC TOURNAMENT SYSTEM

E.18.1 An ETTU approved electronic tournament system must be used for all European Veterans Championships.
G OLYMPIC SINGLES QUALIFICATION 2020

G.1 AUTHORITY FOR ORGANISATION

G.1.1 The Olympic Singles Qualification tournament – men’s singles and women’s singles - shall be organised by one member Association appointed by the ETTU Executive Board.

G.1.2 Application procedure and decision

G.1.2.1 Any Association wishing to organise the event shall send a written application to the ETTU Secretary General.

G.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.

G.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.

G.1.2.4 The Executive Board shall appoint the organising Association, after the evaluation of the presentations held by the applicants.

G.1.2.5 The tournament shall be organised according to the provisions of a contract between ETTU and the Host Association to be signed no later than 6 months before the start of the tournament.

G.2 RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS

G.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.

G.2.2 All gate receipts belong to the Host Association.

G.3 QUALIFICATION

G.3.1 The Olympic Singles Qualification tournament shall be open to all European National Olympic Committees, which shall enter the players through the ETTU member Associations concerned.

G.3.2 All players shall be eligible to represent their National Olympic Committee according to the IOC regulations.
G.4 DATE AND DURATION

G.4.1 The tournament shall be held on the dates fixed by the ETTU in agreement with the ITTF.

G.4.2 The tournament shall be played over a period of up to 5 days.

G.4.3 The ETTU Competition Manager shall prepare an outline schedule for the organising Association and submit it to the Chair of the Technical Committee and to the Secretary General for approval.

G.5 EVENTS

G.5.1 The tournament shall include men’s singles and women’s singles.

G.6 LEVIES

G.6.1 The organising Association shall pay to the ETTU a levy of 20,000 €.

G.6.2 There shall be a levy of 100 € per participating player, payable to the ETTU.

G.7 ENTRIES

G.7.1 Numbers

G.7.1.1 The numbers of players which may be entered by a NOC will be approved by the Executive Board and made known to all Associations not later than 12 months before the tournament.

G.7.2 Entry Forms

G.7.2.1 The Prospectus shall be agreed by the organising Association with the Secretary General and shall be distributed to all member Associations.

G.7.2.2 Associations shall enter all their participants 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, 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 tournament.

G.7.3 Modification

G.7.3.1 The Secretary General may accept alterations of names only, if notified by an authorised representative of the nominating Association confirmed by the NOC concerned, and only up to the deadline fixed in the prospectus.

G.8 HOSPITALITY

G.8.1 The organising Association shall provide free hospitality from the evening before the tournament begins until the morning after it ends for
G.8.1.1 the Executive Board members, the Press and Medical Officials or their deputies, the Chair of the Ranking and Technical Committees, the Competition Manager and up to 3 ETTU staff members;

G.8.1.2 all invited foreign referees and umpires.

G.8.2 The organising Association shall provide free hospitality and reimburse the travel costs for the ETTU Competition Manager when he inspects the facilities and proposed playing conditions of the tournament.

G.8.3 The cost of hospitality for participants of the tournament shall be agreed in advance by the Executive Board.

G.9 THE DRAW

G.9.1 Representatives of the National Olympic Committees and Associations participating shall be entitled to attend the draw, which shall be conducted by the Referee in close cooperation with the ETTU Competition Manager.

G.10 JURY

G.10.1 The Jury shall consist of the Chairs of the Ranking and Technical Committees, a representative of the organising Association, the ETTU Secretary General or representative of the Executive Board and the Referee or deputy.

G.10.2 The chair of the Jury shall be the Chair of the Technical Committee.

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

G.10.4 The ETTU Competition Manager may attend the Jury meetings with the right to speak but without the right to vote.

G.10.5 The Jury shall meet on the eve of the tournament and at any other time when necessary.

G.11 SYSTEM OF PLAY

G.11.1 The system of play shall be approved by the Executive Board and made known to all member Associations at least 6 months before the tournament.

G.12 OLYMPIC REGULATIONS

G.12.1 The organising Association and all participants shall observe all special regulations for Olympic Singles Qualification events agreed by the ETTU and the ITTF with the IOC.

G.13 TROPHIES AND AWARDS

G.13.1 There are no official ETTU trophies or awards.

G.14 FLAGS AND ANTHEMS

G.14.1 If flags or national anthems are used they shall be those of the countries of the NOC to which belong the players taking part in the tournament.
**G.15 REFEREES AND UMPIRES**

G.15.1. 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 referees 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.

G.15.2 All umpires shall be International Umpires. At least 1/3 of the total of umpires needed shall be from foreign ETTU member Associations. No 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 member Associations. Together with the organising Association, the ETTU URC will set up a list of the appointed number of umpires. No later than 3 months before the event, the ETTU shall inform the member Associations about the selections and post the list onto the ETTU website. For all matches the umpires shall be from Associations other than those of the players in the match.

G.15.3 All invited foreign officials shall receive from the organising Association a daily allowance in accordance with ITTF Directives for Match Officials.

**G.16 FACILITIES**

G.16.1 The organising Association shall ensure free access to any part of the playing hall for all persons mentioned in G.8.1.1 and shall provide them with preferential seats throughout the tournament.

**G.17 ELECTRONIC TOURNAMENT SYSTEM**

G.17.1 An ETTU approved electronic tournament system must be used for the tournament.
H EUROPE TOP-16 CUP

H.1 AUTHORITY FOR ORGANISATION
H.1.1 The tournament, which shall consist of a men’s and a women’s event, shall be organised by one member Association appointed by the ETTU Executive Board.

H.1.2 Application procedure and decision
H.1.2.1 Any Association wishing to organise the event shall send a written application to the ETTU Secretary General.

H.1.2.2 The following conditions have to be acknowledged:
- The closing date for applications shall be specified by the ETTU 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.

H.1.2.3 The Regulations, the Technical and Economic Directives and the directives for presentations can be obtained from the Secretary General, who will also set the date for the presentations.

H.1.2.4 The Executive Board shall appoint the organising Association, after the evaluation of the presentations held by the applicants.

H.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 8 months before the start of the event.

H.2 RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS
H.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.

H.2.2 All gate receipts belong to the Host Association.

H.3 DATE and DURATION
H.3.1 The tournament shall be played each year in February, over a period of 2 days.

H.4 QUALIFICATION
H.4.1 The Secretary General shall invite – not later than 7 weeks before the start of the competition – the eligible and reserve players for each event derived from the last available European Ranking List.

H.4.2 In each event the following players shall be invited:
- The current European Champion.
- The top 14 players from the last available European Ranking List excluding the current European Champion, or top 15 players if a Host Association player qualifies.
- If no players qualify from the Host Association then the Host Association shall nominate one Host Association player.

There shall be no more than 2 players from an Association.
The first reserve man and woman player may be asked to be present and the Associations of the next 3 men and next 3 women on each list shall arrange that these players can be contacted urgently to replace any of the eligible players who are unable to attend.

H.4.3 Substitutions before the entry closing date shall be as per entry regulations.
a) If the European Champion is not available or withdraws, he/she shall be replaced by the remaining highest ranked player from the European ranking.
b) If the Host Association player is not available or withdraws, another player nominated by the Host Association shall replace him/her.
c) If any other player is not available or withdraws, he shall be replaced by the remaining highest ranked player.

Substitutions after the entry closing date shall be decided by the ETTU.

H.4.4 The participation of an invited player has to be confirmed by the national Association which this player is eligible to represent, latest on or before the deadline fixed by the Secretary General.

H.4.5 Players who are not eligible to represent their national Association according to the rules 3.8 and 4.3.6 of the ITTF Handbook cannot qualify for the ITTF World Cup Event.

H.5 LEVIES

H.5.1 The organising Association shall pay the ETTU a levy of 10,000 €.

H.5.2 There shall be a levy of 250 € per participating player, payable to the ETTU.

H.7 HOSPITALITY and EXPENSES

H.7.1 The organising Association shall provide free hospitality from lunch of the day before the start of the tournament until breakfast after it ends, for

H.7.1.1 All invited players;

H.7.1.2 Members of the Executive Board, the Medical and Press Officials or their deputies, the Chairmen of the Ranking and Technical Committees and 3 ETTU staff members;

H.7.1.3 All invited foreign referees and umpires.

H.7.2 The organising Association shall provide free hospitality for the Referee from the evening two days before the event begins until the morning after it ends, plus the travel expenses.

H.7.3 The organising Association shall provide free hospitality and reimburse the travel costs for the ETTU Competition Manager when he inspects the facilities and proposed playing conditions of the tournament.

H.7.4 Each Association shall pay the travel expenses and hospitality of its officials, but the ETTU shall reimburse to his parent Association the expenses of an invited reserve player who attends but is not required to play.

H.7.5 The cost of hospitality for persons not entitled to free hospitality, shall be agreed in advance by the Executive Board, and shall be subject to a contract between ETTU and the organising Association.

H.8 SYSTEM of PLAY and DRAW

H.8.1 All matches shall be the best of 7 games.

H.8.2 The competition is played in a knockout basis and in addition the losers of the semi-finals will play a match to-determine places 3 and 4.
H.8.3 The draw shall take place the day before the start of the tournament and shall be conducted by the Referee in close cooperation with the ETTU Competition Manager. It is an obligation for players to attend the draw.  
H.8.4 The draw procedure will be determined by the Executive Board on recommendation by the Technical Committee and will be published in the Technical and Economic Directives and the prospectus.  

**H.9 JURY**  
H.9.1 The Jury shall consist of the Chairs of the Ranking and Technical Committees, a representative of the organising Association, the ETTU Secretary General or representative of the Executive Board and the Referee or his deputy.  
H.9.2 The Chair of the Jury shall be the Chair of the Technical Committee. 
H.9.3 All members of the Jury shall have the right to speak and to vote.  
H.9.4 The ETTU Competition Manager may attend the Jury meetings with the right to speak but without the right to vote.  

**H.10 REFEREES and UMPIRES**  
H.10.1 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 Deputy Referee. At least one referee must be from a foreign association. All referees shall be International Referees from ETTU member Associations and shall arrive the day before the start of the event.  
H.10.2 All umpires shall be International Umpires and at least 1/3 of the total of umpires needed shall be from foreign ETTU member Associations. The organising Association shall send to the ETTU Umpires and Referees Committee, no later than 4 months before the event, the proposal for appointing the umpires. For all matches during the tournament the umpires shall be from Associations other than those of the players in the match. 
H.10.3 All invited foreign officials shall receive from the organising Association a daily allowance in accordance with ITTF Directives for Match Officials.  

**H.11 EQUIPMENT and ADVERTISING**  
H.11.1 The ETTU, represented by the Executive Board, may enter into contracts with suppliers of playing equipment for the exclusive use of this equipment and the Secretary General shall notify all Associations by 1st November of the year before the tournament.  
H.11.2 ETTU contracts for equipment shall include 2/3 of the advertising space on the inside and outside surrounds, and the remaining 1/3 shall be available to the organising Association.
H.12 TROPHIES, AWARDS and QUALIFICATIONS
H.12.1 Cups for the winners of the men’s and women’s events were donated in memory of World Champions Richard Bergmann and Trude Pritzi respectively.
H.12.2 Trophies and awards shall be presented by representatives of the ETTU and of the organising Association.
H.12.3 All participants shall receive prize money unless they withdraw before fully completing their matches; the total prize money and distribution to be determined by the Executive Board.
H.12.4 As determined by the ITTF the highest placed players (men and women) of the tournament who are eligible to represent their Association at an ITTF Title event are qualified for the World Cup Men and World Cup Women in the same year.
I EUROPE YOUTH TOP 10

I.1 AUTHORITY FOR ORGANISATION
I.1.1 The tournament, which shall consist of 4 events, Junior Boys, Junior Girls, Cadet Boys and Cadet Girls, shall be organised by one member Association appointed by the ETTU Executive Board.
I.1.2 Application procedure and decision
I.1.2.1 Any Association wishing to organise the tournament shall send a written application to the ETTU Secretary General.
I.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.
I.1.2.3 The Regulations, the Directives and the directives for presentations can be obtained from the Secretary General, who will also set the date for the presentations.
I.1.2.4 The Executive Board, together with the Chair of the Youth Committee, shall appoint the organising Association, after the evaluation of the presentations held by the applicants.
I.1.2.5 The tournament shall be organised according to the provisions of a contract between ETTU and the Host 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.

I.2 RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS
I.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 the ETTU and the organising Association.
I.2.2 All gate receipts belong to the organising Association.

I.3 DATE and DURATION
I.3.1 The tournament shall be played each year between September and November, over a period of 3 days.

I.4 QUALIFICATION
I.4.1 Qualification shall be determined by the August junior and cadet European ranking lists for boys and girls, but only junior players who will be under 18 and cadet players who will be under 15 on 1st January of the year of the competition will be eligible.
I.4.2 All players must be eligible to represent their Associations in accordance with the provision of article B.10.
I.4.3 **Qualified Participants**

I.4.3.1 Junior events: In each event the reigning European Junior Champion, and the 9 other highest ranked junior players, unless this does not include a player of the organising Association, in which case the host Association shall be entitled to nominate one of its players to replace the lowest ranked junior player.

I.4.3.2 Cadets events: In each event the reigning European Cadet Champion, and the 9 other highest ranked cadet players, unless this does not include a player of the organising Association, in which case the host Association shall be entitled to nominate one of its players to replace the lowest ranked cadet player.

I.4.4 The Associations of the first 3 boys and first 3 girls in the list of substitutes in each event shall arrange that these players can be contacted urgently to replace any of the qualified players who may be unable to attend.

I.4.5 The Secretary General shall invite the qualified players and inform the reserve players of each event not later than 8 weeks before the start of the competition.

I.5 **ENTRY FEE and LEVY**

I.5.1 There shall be no entry fee or levy.

I.6 **HOSPITALITY and EXPENSES**

I.6.1 The organising Association shall provide 50% of the hospitality (on the basis of the price for a double room) in the hotel approved by ETTU from the lunch on the day before the start of the tournament until breakfast after it ends, for 10 players in each event.

I.6.2 The organising Association shall provide free hospitality from lunch on the day before the start of the tournament until breakfast after it ends for a representative of the Executive Board, the Chair of the Youth Committee and 3 ETTU staff members.

I.6.3 The organising Association shall provide free hospitality from lunch on the day before the start of the tournament until breakfast after it ends for all invited umpires.

I.6.4 The organising Association shall provide free hospitality from the evening 2 days before the start of the tournament until breakfast after it ends for all foreign referees plus the travel expenses.

I.6.5 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 tournament are inspected.

I.6.6 Each Association shall pay the travel expenses of its players as well as 50% of the hospitality costs. Each Association also shall pay the travel expenses of its officials including the hospitality costs. ETTU shall reimburse to the parent Association the expenses of an invited reserve player who attends but is not required to play.

I.6.7 The hospitality cost for persons not entitled to free hospitality shall be agreed at least one year in advance by the Executive Board.

I.7 **SYSTEM of PLAY**

I.7.1 All matches in both the junior and the cadet events shall be the best of 7 games.
I.7.2 In each event the players shall be placed in a group in which they will all play each other; matches between players from the same Association shall, as far as practicable, be played first.

I.7.3 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 number of match points gained.

I.7.4 If 2 or more players have gained the same number of match points, their relative positions shall be determined by the results only of the matches between them, taking successively the number of match points gained and the ratios of wins to losses in games and points, as far as it is necessary to determine the order.

I.7.5 If after any step the positions of one or more members of the group have been determined while others are still equal, the results of matches in which these members took part shall be excluded from any further calculations needed to resolve the equalities in accordance with the procedure of I.7.3 and I.7.4.

I.7.6 If 2 or more players 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.

I.7.7 If a player withdraws before completing 5 matches the results of all his/her matches shall be cancelled and discounted.

I.8 JURY

I.8.1 The Jury shall consist of the Chair of the Youth Committee or deputy, a representative of the organising Association, the ETTU Secretary General or a representative of the Executive Board and the Referee or deputy.

I.8.2 The Chair of the Jury shall be the Chair or deputy of the Youth Committee.

I.8.3 All members of the Jury shall have the right to speak and to vote. The ETTU Competition Manager may attend the Jury meetings with the right to speak but without the right to vote.

I.8.4 The Jury shall meet on the eve of the tournament and at any other time when necessary.

I.9 REFEREES and UMPIRES

I.9.1 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 2 days before the start of the event.

I.9.2 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. Not later than 3 months before the event, the ETTU shall inform the Associations about the selections and post the list onto the ETTU URC website. For all matches the umpires shall be from Associations other than those of the players in the match.

I.9.3 All invited foreign officials shall receive from the organising Association a daily allowance in accordance with ITTF Directives for Match Officials.

I.10 PROGRAMME
I.10.1 The official programme shall specify that the tournament is 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.

I.11 FACILITIES
I.11.1 The organising Association shall ensure free access to any part of the playing hall for all the players, officials and persons mentioned in I.6.2, I.6.3 and I.6.4 and shall provide them with preferential seats throughout the tournament.
I.11.2 During the tournament an area with seats shall be specifically allocated to team doctors and/or physiotherapists close to the playing area.
I.11.3 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 tournament.

I.12 TROPHIES and AWARDS
I.12.1 The organising Association shall provide new trophies, medals and plaques.
I.12.2 Trophies, medals and plaques shall be presented by representatives of the ETTU and of the organising Association to the players in final positions 1, 2 and 3.
I.12.3 Players shall not receive cash prizes but may receive suitable gifts.
J EUROPEAN CLUB COMPETITION – MEN

J.1 European Club Competition – Men (ECCM)
The European Club Competition - Men shall be organised under the authority of ETTU and may be suborganised in different events:
   a) The Table Tennis Champions League (TTCL)
   b) The Europe Cup
   c) other events

J.2 Responsibility
Participating clubs and their national Associations are responsible for any act or failure to act by the club, its players and officials with regards to finances, behaviour and fair play.

J.3 Directives
The Table Tennis Champions League, Europe Cup and other events' directives provide a supplementary framework to the ECCM regulations. The directives may be reviewed and amended in line with the decisions of the TTCL Management Board and the ETTU Executive Board to reflect updates to the general organisation and planning of the ECCM.

J.4 ECCM PENALTY CATALOGUE
J.4.1 A club violating the ITTF Laws, the ETTU Constitution, the ETTU Regulations or the ETTU Directives may be disqualified from the competition and may be financially fined.
   A team which has refused to continue the match until its end, played with an incomplete team or failed to play the match at all may be fined up to ten thousand (10,000) €.
   A team whose players, coaches or officials during or in connection with a match have behaved in a way that the table tennis sport has been brought into disrepute may be financially fined and a ban can be imposed on the players, coaches or officials for the following match(es).

J.4.2 A TTCL club failing to inform Sportradar about the interest of any other party in exploiting TTCL media rights may be fined up to ten thousand (10,000) €.
   A TTCL club selling TTCL media rights on its own account to any third party may be fined up to fifteen thousand (15,000) €.

J.4.3 All withdrawals after the exit possibility may be fined up to five thousand (5,000) €.

J.4.4 A club nominating a player and qualifying for the TTCL through this player's ranking points, but not letting this player take part in the competition (at least to play in 1 match), may, unless for justified reasons, be fined up to five thousand (5,000) € and may be banned from competing in the ECCM in the following season(s).
A TTCL club failing to observe the Directives concerning the Official Court Layout or the Official Match Protocol or the Ticker (Live Score System) will be fined five hundred (500) € on the first infringement, one thousand (1000) € on the second infringement and two thousand (2000) € for any further infringement.

A TTCL club failing to upload the photographs to the Media-Shuttle-Portal within 24 hours after the match or do not fulfill the requested Promotional Activities, or do not integrate the Video Player will be fined one hundred (100) € on the first infringement, two hundred (200) € on the second infringement and four hundred (400) € for any further infringement.

A club failing to observe the Directives concerning advertisement within the playing area may be fined up to five thousand (5,000) € for each disregard.

A club whose players fail to observe the Directives concerning advertisements on players’ clothing may be fined up to fifty thousand (50,000) € and may be banned or excluded from the competition.

A club failing to use the correct denomination of the official sponsor(s) may be fined up to two thousand (2,000) € on each occasion.

A TTCL club failing to fulfil the obligations regarding the TV production may be fined up to fifteen thousand (15,000) €.

A club failing to fulfil the obligations regarding the production of live streaming (e.g. sufficient and stable internet connection, camera/working position will be fined as follows:
- lower internet connection during a match, as laid down in the directives (but sufficient for live streaming) five hundred (500) € on the first infringement, one thousand (1,000) € on the second infringement and two thousand (2,000) € for any further infringement.
- lower internet connection during a match, as laid down in the directives (and not sufficient connectivity for live streaming) one thousand (1,000) € on the first infringement, two thousand (2,000) € on the second infringement and four thousand (4,000) € for any further infringement.
- wrong camera and or working position during a match, as laid down in the directives five hundred (500) € on the first infringement, one thousand (1,000) € on the second infringement and two thousand (2,000) € for any further infringement.

A club failing to use the official TTCL Equipment (only in case of an official TTCL equipment sponsor) may be fined up to seven thousand (7,000) €.

A club having a lower light intensity than laid down in the Directives will be fined one thousand (1,000) €.

A TTCL club failing to have A-boards or B-boards at a home match will be fined five hundred (500) € on each infringement.

A club not fulfilling the duties to offer appropriate meals or transportation may be fined up to two thousand (2,000) €.

A club failing to send an invitation to the visiting club or with delay will be fined five hundred (500) €. The home club shall put ETTU in copy of the invitation sent to their guest club.
J.4.16  A club failing to make a prompt and satisfactory financial settlement with an opposing club, using wrong equipment may be subject to a fine of five hundred (500) € on the first occasion; on a second occasion this fine may be increased to one thousand (1,000) € and on all further occasions to two thousand (2,000) €.

J.4.17  A club participating in the Europe Cup or other events’ failing to send the results of a match as specified in the Directives may be subject to a fine of five hundred (500) € on the first occasion; on a second occasion this fine may be increased to one thousand (1,000) € and on all further occasions to two thousand (2,000) €.

J.4.18  A club failing to answer to ETTU requests (or from its partners) in due time (within 48 hours) will be fined two hundred (200) €.

J.4.19  A TTCL club failing to have one official club representative present throughout the entire meeting convened by ETTU will be fined one thousand (1,000) €.

J.4.20  A TTCL club failing to fulfil the standards for Competition Halls and Playing Conditions as stipulated in the valid TTCL Men Directives may be fined up to five thousand (5,000) €.

J.4.21  A TTCL club being responsible (either home or guest club) for an early or late match start (first serve start more than 5 minutes before or after the fixed starting time) will be fined one hundred (100) € on the first infringement, two hundred (200) € on the second infringement and four hundred (400) € for any further infringement.

J.4.22  A TTCL club not fulfilling the duties about multi balls and Ball Boys and Girls (BBGs) will be fined one hundred (100) € on the first infringement, two hundred (200) € on the second infringement and four hundred (400) € for any further infringement.

J.4.23  All penalties mentioned in this paragraph shall be imposed by the ETTU Club Competition Official.

J.4.24  Further contraventions, not specified above, to the Regulations and Directives may also be fined by the ETTU Club Competition Official.

J.4.25  The ETTU Club Competition Official can reduce the amounts of fines or withdraw the fines as laid down in the Regulation J.4. for valid or force majeure reasons.

J.5  JURISDICTION

J.5.1  A club wishing to protest about any aspect of an ECCM match shall send this protest, together with all relevant details, by e-mail to the ETTU Secretariat, within 2 days after the date of the match. No protest shall be accepted after this deadline.

J.5.2  The ETTU Club Competition Official has to take a decision concerning a protest as soon as possible after the protest has been received and the necessary hearing and investigations have been concluded.

J.5.3  A club wishing to protest against a decision of the ETTU Club Competition Official shall send this protest, together with the relevant details, including reasoning, by e-mail via the ETTU Secretariat to the ETTU Board of Appeal within 4 days after the receipt of the decision. No protest shall be accepted after this deadline.
J.5.4 The costs of the procedure of the ETTU Board of Appeal shall include the actual expenses and the protest fee of one thousand (1,000) €. This latter fee shall be paid into the ETTU bank account and has to be received by the ETTU within eight (8) days of the submission of the case otherwise the protest is not accepted and the ETTU Club Competitions Official decision remains final.

J.5.5 Through the intermediary of the ETTU Secretariat, the ETTU Board of Appeal shall inform the opposing or accused party (parties) within fifteen (15) days of the case lodging. The decision of the ETTU Board of Appeal shall be final on ETTU level.

J.5.6 At the time of making a protest to the Club Competition Official about any aspect of a match, the protesting club shall pay to the ETTU bank account a fee of five hundred (500) € per case, to be received within 8 days, which will be refunded if the protest is not upheld or if the contested sentence is cancelled.

J.5.7 At the time of making an appeal against a decision taken by the Club Competition Official, to the Board of Appeal about any aspect of a match, the appealing club shall send to the ETTU bank account a fee of one thousand (1,000) € per case, which will be refunded if the appeal is not upheld or if the contested sentence is cancelled.

J.5.8 In case of any appeal against the decision of the ETTU Board of Appeal at the Court of Arbitration for Sports shall be made within 14 days of the notification of the decision of the ETTU Board of Appeal, which should be communicated to the ETTU Secretariat.

These official Regulations (of which the Directives are an official part) are produced to govern the running of the ETTU European Club Competition - Men. All clubs participating in the ECCM must respect and support these Regulations and Directives. Any infringement or disregard for the contents of any part of any chapter of these official Regulations and Directives may be sanctioned according to the ECCM Penalty Catalogue.
K EUROPEAN CLUB COMPETITION - WOMEN

K.1 European Club Competition - Women
The European Club Competition - Women shall be organised under the authority of ETTU and may be suborganised in different events:
   a) The European Champions League (ECLW).
   b) The Europe Cup
   c) other events

K.2 Responsibility
Participating clubs and their national Associations are responsible for any act or failure to act by the club, its players and officials with regards to finances, behaviour and fair play.

K.3 Directives
The European Champions League, Europe Cup and other events’ directives provide a supplementary framework to the ECCW regulations. The directives may be reviewed and amended in line with the decisions of the ECLW Management Board and the ETTU Executive Board to reflect updates to the general organisation and planning of the ECCW.

K.4 ECCW PENALTY CATALOGUE
K.4.1 A club violating the ITTF Laws, the ETTU Constitution, the ETTU Regulations or the ETTU Directives may be disqualified from the competition and will be financially fined. A team which has refused to continue the match until its end, played with an incomplete team or failed to play the match at all may be fined up ten thousand (10,000) €.
A team whose players, coaches or officials during or in connection with a match have behaved in a way that the table tennis sport has been brought into disrepute may be financially fined and a ban can be imposed on the players, coaches or officials for the following match(es).
K.4.2 All withdrawals after the exit possibility may be fined up to five thousand (5,000) €.
K.4.3 A club not fulfilling the duties to offer appropriate meals or transportation may be fined up to two thousand (2,000) €.
K.4.4 K.4.4.1 A club failing to observe the Regulations and Directives concerning advertisement within the playing area may be fined up to five thousand (5,000) € for each disregard.
K.4.4.2 A club whose players fail to observe Directives concerning advertisements on players’ clothing may be fined up to five thousand (5,000) €.
K.4.5 A club failing to use the correct denomination of the official sponsor(s) may be fined up to two thousand (2,000) € on each occasion.
K.4.6 A club failing to fulfill the obligations regarding the production of live streaming (e.g. sufficient and stable internet connection, camera/working position will be fined as follows:
- lower internet connection during a match, as laid down in the directives (but sufficient for live streaming) five hundred (500) € on the first infringement, one thousand (1,000) € on the second infringement and two thousand (2,000) € for any further infringement.
- lower internet connection during a match, as laid down in the directives (and not sufficient connectivity for live streaming) one thousand (1,000) € on the first infringement, two thousand (2,000) € on the second infringement and four thousand (4,000) € for any further infringement.
- wrong camera and or working position during a match, as laid down in the directives five hundred (500) € on the first infringement, one thousand (1,000) € on the second infringement and two thousand (2,000) € for any further infringement.

K.4.7 A club nominating a player and qualifying for the ECLW through this player’s ranking points, but not letting this player take part in the competition, may, unless for justified reasons (illness/injury), be fined up to five thousand (5,000) € and may be banned from competing in the ECCW in the following season(s).

K.4.8 A club failing to send the results of a match as specified in the Directives, failing to make a prompt and satisfactory financial settlement with an opposing club, using wrong equipment, not inviting the opponent team in time may be subject to a fine of five hundred (500) € on the first occasion; on a second occasion this fine may be increased to one thousand (1,000) € and on all further occasions to two thousand (2,000) €.

K.4.9 A club failing to answer to ETTU requests in due time (within 48 hours) may be fined up to two hundred (200) €.

K.4.10 A club having a lower light intensity than laid down in the Directives may be fined up to one thousand (1,000) €.

K.4.11 A ECLW club failing to have A-boards or B-boards starting with the quarter finals will be fined five hundred (500) € on each infringement.

K.4.12 A club not fulfilling the duties to offer appropriate meals or transportation may be fined up to two thousand (2,000) €.

K.4.13 A ECLW club failing to have one official club representative present in the meeting convened by ETTU will be fined one thousand (1,000) €.

K.4.14 All penalties mentioned in this chapter shall be imposed by the ETTU Club Competition Official.

K.4.15 Further contraventions, not specified above, to the Regulations and Directives may also be fined by the ETTU Club Competition Official.

K.4.16 The ETTU Club Competition Official can reduce the amounts of fines or withdraw the fines as laid down in the Regulation K.4. for valid or force majeure reasons.

K.5 JURISDICTION

K.5.1 A club wishing to protest about any aspect of an ECCW match shall send this protest, together with all relevant details, by e-mail to the ETTU Secretariat, within 2 days after the date of the match. No protest shall be accepted after this deadline.
K.5.2 The ETTU Club Competition Official has to take a decision concerning a protest as soon as possible after the protest has been received and the necessary hearing and investigations have been concluded.

K.5.3 A club wishing to protest against a decision of the ETTU Club Competition Official shall send this protest, together with the relevant details, including reasoning, by e-mail via the ETTU Secretariat to the ETTU Board of Appeal within 4 days after the receipt of the decision. No protest shall be accepted after this deadline.

K.5.4 The costs of the procedure of the ETTU Board of Appeal shall include the actual expenses and the protest fee of one thousand (1.000) €. This latter fee shall be paid into the ETTU bank account and has to be received by the ETTU within eight (8) days of the submission of the case otherwise the protest is not accepted and the ETTU Club Competition Official decision remains final.

K.5.5 Through the intermediary of the ETTU Secretariat, the ETTU Board of Appeal shall inform the opposing or accused party (parties) within fifteen (15) days of the case lodging. The decision of the ETTU Board of Appeal shall be final on ETTU level.

K.5.6 At the time of making a protest to the Club Competition Official about any aspect of a match, the protesting club shall pay to the ETTU bank account a fee of five hundred (500) € per case, to be received within 8 days, which will be refunded if the protest is not upheld or if the contested sentence is cancelled.

K.5.7 At the time of making an appeal against a decision taken by the Club Competition Official, to the Board of Appeal about any aspect of a match, the appealing club shall send to the ETTU bank account a fee of one thousand (1.000) € per case, which will be refunded if the appeal is not upheld or if the contested sentence is cancelled.

K.5.8 In case of any appeal against the decision of the ETTU Board of Appeal at the Court of Arbitration for Sports shall be made within 14 days of the notification of the decision of the ETTU Board of Appeal, which should be communicated to the ETTU Secretariat.

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O  ATHLETES COMMISSION

ATHLETES COMMISSION

Pursuant to the recommendation of the IOC 2000 Reform Commission that “athletes should be well represented at all levels of the sports movement”, the IOC encourages IFs to form their own athletes’ commissions.

O.1.  MISSION

The mission of the ETTU Athletes’ Commission (hereafter “Commission”) is to represent the views of the athletes and make their voice heard within the ETTU.

O.2.  OBJECTIVES

O.2.1 The objectives of the Commission are to

O.2.1.1 Consider issues related to athletes and provide advice to the ETTU
O.2.1.2 Represent the rights and interests of athletes and to make related recommendations
O.2.1.3 Maintain contact with the ITTF Athletes’ Commission, EOC and EPC Athletes’ Commissions.

O.2.2 The Commission shall have the following specific tasks and activities:

O.2.2.1 to establish a means of seeking athletes’ opinion on issues of major importance in TT through as wide a network of enquiry as possible;
O.2.2.2 to keep the ETTU EB regularly informed of athlete opinion on issues of major importance in TT;
O.2.2.3 to report to the EB on organisational issues that may arise in connection with athlete participation at the different competitions organised under the ETTU umbrella;
O.2.2.4 to provide opinions on specific issues of athlete interest that may be entrusted to it by the ETTU;
O.2.2.5 to promote a “healthy image” and “fairplay” including anti-doping, anti-corruption and illegal betting;
O.2.2.6 to be the link between active athletes and ETTU
O.2.2.7 to liaise and consult with other Committees and Commissions, where appropriate;
O.2.2.8 to contribute to the promotion and fostering of the European and worldwide development of TT.

O.3.  COMPOSITION OF THE COMMISSION

O.3.1 The Commission is composed of 5 members:

O.3.1.1 4 athletes elected during the European Championships
O.3.1.2 1 athlete elected during the PTT EC

O.3.2 They must be at least 16 years of age and have never been sanctioned for a doping offence.

O.3.3 It will not be possible to have more than 1 representative of the same National Association, except the Para TT representative who may come from the same association as another member of the Athletes Commission.
O.3.4 The term of office is 4 years. It may be renewed. Inactive members may be replaced after 1 year. A minimum 75% of the members must vote in favour of replacing an inactive member provided that such member has had an opportunity to present reasons for their inactivity. Such inactive member shall be replaced by the athlete who placed next on the results of the election, if still available, provided that he or she shall not come from an association already represented on the Commission and that the gender representation is maintained.

O.4. **ELECTED MEMBERS**

O.4.1 Elections: the athletes in collaboration with ETTU organise the election on the occasion of the:

O.4.1.1 European Championships (EC)

O.4.1.2 The PTT European Championships (PTT EC)

in the year following the election of the ETTU EB. The first elections will be held in 2013 at the EC in Vienna and PTT EC in Lignano. Then the next elections will be held in 2017 and every 4 years thereafter.

O.4.2 Organisation of elections: in cooperation with the athletes’ commission the ETTU Secretariat will send the information to all European NAs.

O.4.2.1 Eligibility criteria: candidates must meet the following criteria:

a) must be nominated by his/her NA prior to the EC and PTT EC where the election takes place and having participated at the previous EC and PTT EC during the period of the last 4 years.
b) must be 16 years of age at the time the election takes place
c) must not have been sanctioned for a doping offence or illegal betting
d) must have been selected by his/her NA

e) a NA may present up to 2 candidates

The eligibility of each candidate is decided and confirmed by the EB.

O.4.2.2 Presentation and submission of candidatures:
To be admissible, the candidature proposal must include the following documents and be received by the ETTU by the date set in the invitation:

a) a candidature form, duly signed by the candidate and the President of his/her NA

b) a complete biography form

c) a recent passport photo

O.4.2.3 Election process

a) Electorate: all athletes taking part in the EC and PTT EC have the right to vote

b) Information: the ETTU will publish an election leaflet which presents all the candidates and gives general information on the elections (dates, locations, voting procedure etc.)

c) Voting procedure: is described in the election manual and shall in any case comply with the following principles:

- each player has one vote
- the vote must be exercised in person and by secret ballot
- voting by proxy or correspondence is not allowed
- abstentions, blank or spoiled votes are not taken into consideration in the calculation of the required majority.

d) Elected athletes: one male and one female athlete who obtain the highest number of votes are elected to the Commission; thereafter 2 more athletes who obtain the highest number of votes are elected to the Commission; the Para TT athlete who obtains the highest number of votes is elected to the Commission at the PTT EC.

e) Tie: in case of a tie, preference is given:
  - to a candidate to balance gender equity
  - finally to the highest ranked candidate in the ITTF World Ranking.

**O.5. CHAIR OF THE ATHLETES COMMISSION**

He/she will be proposed by the Commission to the EB.

**O.6. REPRESENTATION OF THE COMMISSION WITHIN THE ETTU**

O.6.1 The Chair of the Commission is a co-opted member of the EB, with no voting rights.

O.6.2 The Chair can be replaced by an AC member to attend the EB meetings.

**O.7. MEETING OF THE COMMISSION**

O.7.1 The Commission shall meet at least once a year before, at, or immediately after the European Championships at the same place.

O.7.2 The ETTU is responsible for ensuring, within its means, that the Commission is able to meet.

O.7.3 Travel: the ETTU is responsible for 100% of the agreed economy air fare for the Chair and for the Para TT member of the Commission should they not otherwise be at the EC.

O.7.4 Accommodation: the ETTU is responsible to provide full board accommodation for the Chair and for the Para TT member of the Commission for the official dates stated in the invitation to the meeting.

O.7.5 The working language of the Commission will be English.
EUROPEAN UNDER 21 CHAMPIONSHIPS

U1 Authority for organisation
U1.1 The championships shall be organised by one member Association appointed by the ETTU Executive Board.
U1.2 Application procedure and decision
U1.2.1 Any Association wishing to organise the championships shall send a written application to the ETTU Secretary General.
U1.2.2 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.
U1.2.3 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.
U1.2.4 The Executive Board shall appoint the organising Association, after the evaluation of the presentations held by the applicants.
U1.2.5 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.

U2 Rights and obligations
U2.1 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.
U2.2 All gate receipts belong to the organising Association.

U3 Qualification
U3.1 The championships shall be open for entry to all invited players from member Associations whose subscriptions are not in arrears.
U3.2 The Secretary General shall invite – not later than 12 weeks before the start of the competition – the eligible 48 men and 48 women players and reserve players for each event derived from the last available European Under 21 ranking list. In addition the Secretary General, in cooperation with the Youth Committee and the Ranking Committee, shall grant 8 men and 8 women a wildcard. If a player is not available or withdraws, the player shall be replaced by the remaining highest ranked player.
U.3.3 If no players qualify from the host Association then the host Association shall nominate one host Association player. Any vacant places, after the deadline fixed by the Secretary General, may be offered to the host Association in accordance with regulation U.7.1.1.

U.3.4 All players shall be eligible to represent their Associations in accordance with the provisions of article B.10.

U.3.5 All players must be under 21 on 31st December immediately before the calendar year in which the championships take place.

U.3.6 The participation of an invited player has to be confirmed by the national Association which this player is eligible to represent, before the deadline fixed by the Secretary General.

U.4 DATE AND DURATION
U.4.1 The championships shall be held in January or February or March over a period of 5 days.

U.4.2 The organising Association, in cooperation with the ETTU Competition Manager, shall submit an outline playing schedule to the Chair of the Youth Committee and to the Secretary General for approval no later than 6 months before the championships.

U.5 EVENTS
U.5.1 The championships shall include men's singles, women's singles, men's doubles, women's doubles and mixed doubles events.

U.6 ENTRY FEES AND LEVIES
U.6.1 There shall be, payable to the ETTU, a levy of 5.000 € for the championships on the organising Association as well as an entry fee of 50 € for each player of participating Associations.

U.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. If not, the entries will not be accepted.

U.6.3 The entry fees and levies as well as other pre-payment will not be refunded if an Association fails to arrive with the number of entered participants at the European Under 21 Championships.

U.7 ENTRIES
U.7.1 Numbers
U.7.1.1 56 men and 56 women players will be invited with a maximum 4 men and 4 women players from a member Association.

U.7.2 Entry Forms
U.7.2.1 The Prospectus shall be agreed by the organising Association with the Secretary General and shall be distributed to all invited players and reserve players through their Associations.

U.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, that they understand and accept the conditions of the championships, that they are prepared to compete against all other players and that they...
are insured fully against illness and injury for the duration of the championships.

U.7.3 **Modification**

U.7.3.1 In case of late non-availability of any player after the relating deadline the Secretary General may allow up to the first jury meeting to replace a non-available player by the next/reserve player from the ranking list (maximum 3 players per Association).

U.8 **HOSPITALITY**

U.8.1 The hospitality shall be paid to the organising Association by the participants’ Association.

U.8.2 The organising Association shall provide hospitality packages at 3 and 4 star level hotels from the evening before the championships begin until the morning after they end. The hospitality packages shall include accommodation, 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.

U.8.3 The participants’ Association may also choose to make their own hospitality arrangements. In case of ‘own arrangements’ there will be a participation fee to be paid to the organising Association. This participation fee will only include accreditation. All transport, hotel and meal arrangements shall be organised by the participants’ Association.

U.8.4 The organising Association shall provide free hospitality from the evening before the championships begin until the morning after they end for:

- U.8.4.1 2 Executive Board members, the Youth Committee and Ranking Committee Chairs or their deputies, the Competition Manager and 2 ETTU staff members.
- U.8.4.2 all invited foreign referees and umpires.

U.8.5 The organising Association shall provide free hospitality for all referees from the evening before the championships begin until the morning after they end, plus the travel expenses.

U.8.6 The costs of hospitality for persons not entitled to free hospitality, totally or partly, shall be agreed at least 6 months in advance by the Executive Board, and shall be subject to a contract between ETTU and the organising Association.

U.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.

U.8.8 **Cancellation fees**

U.8.8.1 An Association, that has reserved the hospitality package from the organising 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.

U.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 or, not having reserved the hospitality package from the organising Association, has to pay a cancellation fee of 100 € per person.

U.9   THE DRAW
U.9.1 The draw for singles and doubles events shall take place on the day before the championships begin.
U.9.2 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.

U.10   JURY
U.10.1 The Jury shall consist of the Chairs of the Ranking and Youth 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.
U.10.2 The chair of the Jury shall be the Chair of the Youth Committee.
U.10.3 All members of the Jury shall have the right to speak and vote.
U.10.4 The ETTU Competition Manager may attend the Jury meetings with the right to speak but without the right to vote.
U.10.5 The Jury shall meet on the eve of the championships and at any other time when necessary.

U.11   SYSTEM OF PLAY
U.11.1 In singles events 8 seeded players shall be directly placed in stage 2.
U.11.1.1 Stage 1: the remaining 48 players shall play in a qualification, played in 12 groups. The winner and runner up from each group will qualify for stage 2.
U.11.1.2 Stage 2: the 24 qualifiers from stage 1 and the 8 seeded players shall be drawn into 8 groups. The winner and runner up from each group will qualify for stage 3.
U.11.1.3 Stage 3: the 16 qualifiers from stage 2 will play a direct knockout competition.
U.11.2 All singles matches shall be the best of 7 games.
U.11.3 Doubles events will be played in a direct knockout competition.
U.11.4 All doubles matches shall be the best of 5 games.
U.11.5 Doubles pairs will comprise only players invited to the singles event.
U.11.6 Doubles pairs may be formed by players from different Associations.

U.12   TROPHIES AND AWARDS
U.12.1 Trophies for the winners of the events shall be presented, as follows:
U.13.1.1 Men's Singles
U.13.1.2 Women's Singles
U.13.1.3 Men's Doubles
U.13.1.4 Women's Doubles
U.12.2 The organising Association shall provide new trophies, medals and plaques.
Trophies, medals and plaques shall be presented by representatives of the ETTU and of the organising Association to the winners, runner-up and losing semi-finalists of the singles and doubles events.

**FLAGS AND ANTHEMS**

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 of those events shall be played.

**REFEREES AND UMPIRES**

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.

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 member Associations. Together with the organising Association, the ETTU URC will set up a list of the appointed number of umpires; such decisions of the ETTU URC are final. No later than 3 months before the event, the ETTU shall inform the member 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.

All invited foreign officials shall receive from the organising Association a daily allowance in accordance with ITTF Directives for Match Officials.

**PROGRAMME**

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.

**FACILITIES**

The organising Association shall ensure free access to any part of the playing hall for all the players, officials and persons mentioned in C.8.4.1 and shall provide them with preferential seats throughout the championships.

During the period of the championships the organising Association shall make available to the ETTU 2 rooms for the Executive Board and the staff.
U.16.3 During the championships an area with seats shall be specifically allocated to team doctors and/or physiotherapists close to the playing area.

U.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.

U.17 DOPING CONTROL
U.17.1 Doping control shall be carried out in accordance with ITTF Anti-Doping rules.

U.18 ELECTRONIC TOURNAMENT SYSTEM
U.18.1 An ETTU approved electronic tournament system must be used in all European Under 21 Championships.
YOUTH OLYMPIC QUALIFICATION TOURNAMENT

Y.1 AUTHORITY FOR ORGANISATION
Y.1.1 The tournament – girls and boys singles only - shall be organised by one member Association appointed by the ETTU.
Y.1.2 Application procedure and decision
Y.1.2.1 Any Association wishing to organise the championships shall send a written application to the General Secretary.
Y.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.
Y.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.
Y.1.2.4 The Executive Board, together with the chairperson of the Youth Committee, shall appoint the organising Association, after the evaluation of the presentations held by the applicants.
Y.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 (starting from 2014) before the start of the event.

Y.2 RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS
Y.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.
Y.2.2 All gate receipts belong to the Host Association.

Y.3 QUALIFICATION
Y.3.1 The Youth Olympic Qualification Tournament shall be open to all European National Olympic Committees, which shall enter the players through the ETTU member Associations concerned.
Y.3.2 All players shall be eligible to represent their NOC according to the IOC regulations.

Y.4 DATE and DURATION
Y.4.1 The Olympic Qualification Tournament shall be held on the dates fixed by the ETTU in accordance with the closing dates for entries to the Olympic Tournament.
Y.4.2 The duration of the Singles Qualification Tournament will be decided together with its system of play (Y.11).
Y.4.3 The organising Association shall submit an outline schedule to the ETTU Competition Manager for approval.
Y.5  EVENTS
Y.5.1  The Tournament shall include girls and boys singles.

Y.6  LEVIES
Y.6.1  The organising Association shall pay to the ETTU a levy of 2,000 €.

Y.7  ENTRIES
Y.7.1  Numbers
G.7.1.1  The numbers of players which may be entered by a NOC will be approved by the Executive Board and made known to all Associations not later than 12 months before the tournament.

Y.7.2  Entry Forms
Y.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 NOC on behalf of its players, that they understand and accept the conditions of the tournament and that they are prepared to compete against all other players participating.

Y.7.2.2  Entry forms shall be sent by the organising Association to all member Associations not later than 3 months before the start of each tournament.

Y.7.2.3  Completed entry forms shall be sent to the ETTU not later than 2 months before its start.

Y.7.2.4  ETTU will accept only entry forms properly signed by a representative of the nominating NOC, which are received on or before the closing date.

Y.7.3  Modification
Y.7.3.1  The General Secretary may accept alterations of names only, if notified by a representative of the nominating Association up to 4 days before the start of the Championships with the possibility to complete, up to the first jury meeting, in case of illness or injury.

Y.8  HOSPITALITY
Y.8.1  The organising Association shall provide free hospitality from the evening before the tournament begins until the morning after it ends for
Y.8.1.1  the Executive Board members, the Press and Medical Officials or their deputies, the Chairpersons of the Ranking and Youth Committees, up to 2 persons of the ETTU Marketing Department and two ETTU staff members and for all invited foreign deputy referees and umpires;
Y.8.1.2  from two evenings before the tournament begins until the morning after it ends for the ETTU Competition manager and the referee.

Y.8.2  The organising Association shall provide free hospitality and reimburse the travel costs for the ETTU Competition Manager when he inspects the facilities and proposed playing conditions of the tournament.

Y.8.3  The cost of hospitality for participants of the tournament shall be agreed in advance by the Executive Board.
Y.9   THE DRAW
Y.9.1 The draw for singles events shall be public and take place the day before the start of the tournament.
Y.9.2 The draw shall be conducted by the Chairperson of the Youth Committee.
Y.9.3 The Executive Board shall determine the European ranking lists to be used as the basis for the seeding list for singles events.

Y.10   JURY
Y.10.1 The Jury shall consist of the Chairmen of the Ranking and Youth Committees, a representative of the organising Association, of the Referee or his deputy, and the ETTU Competition Manager.
Y.10.2 The Chairperson of the Jury shall be the Chairperson of the Youth Committee.
Y.10.3 The Jury shall meet on the eve of the tournament and at any other time when necessary.
Y.10.4 All members of the Jury shall have the right to speak and to vote, except the ETTU CM, who has the right to speak but not to vote.

Y.11   SYSTEM OF PLAY
Y.11.1 Please see the attached annex 1

Y.12   OLYMPIC REGULATIONS
Y.12.1 The organising Association and all participants shall observe all special regulations for Olympic Qualification Tournament agreed by the ETTU or the ITTF with the IOC.

Y.13   TROPHIES and AWARDS
Y.13.1 There are no official ETTU trophies or awards.

Y.14   FLAGS and ANTHEMS
Y.14.1 If flags or national anthems are used they shall be those of the countries of the NOC to which belong the players taking part in the tournament.

Y.15   REFEREES and UMPIRES
Y.15.1 Latest 5 months before the event, the Organising Association shall send to the ETTU Umpires and Referees Committee the proposal for appointing a Referee. Latest 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 Deputy Referee. At least, one referee must be from a foreign Association. All referees shall be International Referee from an ETTU Member Association and shall arrive the day before the start of the event.
Y.15.2 All umpires shall be International Umpires. At least 1/3 of the total number of umpires needed shall be from foreign ETTU member Associations. The organising Association shall send to the ETTU Umpires and Referees Committee no later than 4 months before the event, the proposal for appointing umpires. For all matches during the tournament, the umpire and the assistant umpire shall be from Associations other than those of the players in the match.

Y.15.3 All invited foreign officials shall receive a daily allowance equivalent to 15 €.

Y.16 FACILITIES
Y.16.1 The organising Association shall ensure free access to any part of the playing hall for all persons mentioned in Y.8.1.1 and Y.8.1.2 and shall provide them with preferential seats throughout the Tournaments.
YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES (YOG) EUROPEAN QUALIFICATION TOURNAMENT

SYSTEM OF PLAY

1. The competition shall be played in three stages:
   - Stage 1 (Friday - 1st day) group matches (8 groups with 3, 4, 5 or 6 players)
   - Stage 2 (Saturday - 2nd day) knock-out system
   - Stage 3 (Sunday - 3rd day) knock-out system

2. STAGE 1 (Friday - 1st day)

   2.1 Participating players shall be drawn into 8 groups (A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H) in accordance with the latest available World Ranking list.
   2.2 The players ranked 1 – 8 shall be placed in descending ranking order respectively at the top of the groups A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H.
   2.3 The remaining players shall be drawn 2 by 2 among the 8 groups taking into account the ‘snake system’.
   2.4 The winners and position 2 players from each group will qualify for the 2nd day DRAW ‘A’
   2.5 The position 3 and position 4 players from each group will qualify for the 2nd day DRAW ‘B’.
   The players eventually ranked 5th or 6th in a group finish his/her participation.

3. STAGE 2 (Saturday - 2nd day)

   3.1 DRAW ‘A’

   In stage 2 the progressive knockout system will be used in order to determine the final position for every player, with the exception of a match for position 1 and 2. The winner of group A goes to position 1, the winner of group B goes to position 16, the winners of groups C and D will be drawn among positions 8 and 9, the winners of the groups E, F, G, H will be drawn among positions 4, 5, 12, and 13. The players finishing in position 2 of the first stage groups shall be drawn by lot into the remaining places but in the opposite half to the winners of their initial group (see diagram).

   1  Winner gr. A
   2  2º of gr. B, C, D, E, F, G, H
   3  2º of gr. B, C, D, E, F, G, H
   4  Winner gr. E, F, G, H
   5  Winner gr. E, F, G, H
   6  2º of gr. B, C, D, E, F, G, H
   7  2º of gr. B, C, D, E, F, G, H
   8  Winner gr. C/D
   9  Winner gr. C/D
   10 2º of gr. A, C, D, E, F, G, H
   11 2º of gr. A, C, D, E, F, G, H
   12  Winner gr. E, F, G, H
   13  Winner gr. E, F, G, H
   14 2º of gr. A, C, D, E, F, G, H
   15 2º of gr. A, C, D, E, F, G, H
   16  Winner gr. B

The finalists of the DRAW ‘A’ become **Qualifier 1 and Qualifier 2** for Buenos Aires 2018 YOG. The remaining 14 players will be drawn into DRAW ‘C’ of the qualification.
3.2 DRAW ‘B’

In stage 2 the progressive knockout system will be used in order to determine the final position for every player, with the exception of a match for position 1 and 2. The players finishing in position 3 of the first stage groups will be drawn randomly into DRAW ‘B’. The players finishing in position 4 of the first stage groups shall be drawn by lot into the remaining places but in the opposite half to the winners of their initial group (see diagram).

1 3rd of gr. A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H
2 4th of gr. A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H
3 4th of gr. A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H
4 3rd of gr. A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H
5 3rd of gr. A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H
6 4th of gr. A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H
7 4th of gr. A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H
8 3rd of gr. A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H
9 3rd of gr. A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H
10 4th of gr. A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H
11 4th of gr. A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H
12 3rd of gr. A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H
13 3rd of gr. A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H
14 4th of gr. A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H
15 4th of gr. A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H
16 3rd of gr. A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H

Qualified for DRAW ‘C’ on the 3rd day

The finalists of DRAW ‘B’ will qualify for DRAW ‘C’ to be played on the 3rd day.

4. STAGE 3 (Sunday - 3rd day)

4.1 DRAW ‘C’

The 14 remaining players from DRAW ‘A’ and the 2 qualified players from DRAW ‘B’ will play in a single knock-out system DRAW ‘C’. The semi-finalists of DRAW ‘A’ will go to position 1 and position 16 of DRAW ‘C’. All remaining players will be drawn randomly to the remaining positions.

The finalists of DRAW ‘C’ become Qualifier 3 and Qualifier 4 for Buenos Aires 2018 YOG.

The losers of the semi-final matches of DRAW ‘C’ will play an additional match to determine the 1st and 2nd reserve players.