



NEWSLETTER 12/2021

Dear friends,

Another difficult year comes to an end. Unfortunately, we are still facing a lot of challenges and COVID-19 requests a lot of adjustments in our daily and especially in our sports life.

Nevertheless, ETTU was putting all the efforts to organise events and together with the local organisers we saw a lot of exciting tournaments with excellent performance not only of players but also of match officials.

ETTU URC worked a lot in different areas and tried to support all match officials in Europe.

We would like to use this newsletter to inform you about our work and initiatives in the last months and the plans for 2022.

Selection of match officials

An early/timely selection of match officials was very often not possible due to the ongoing changes/challenges because of COVID. But we are trying to send invitation and selections as early as possible. Elena Semenova is the contact person for the invitations and selections.

Invitations will always be published under:

- <https://www.ettu.org/en/about-ettu/ettu-bodies/committees/umpires-and-referees/>

Selections will be available under:

- <https://www.ettu.org/en/about-ettu/ettu-bodies/committees/umpires-and-referees/>
- <https://www.facebook.com/groups/30332345859/?ref=share>

Marcin Fidala organises the selection of match officials for Champion's League matches, Cup matches and European Team matches.



Calendar for ETTU main events 2022

Name	Location	Date
Europe Top 16	Montreux SUI	26.02 - 27.02
European Championships	Munich GER	11.08 - 21.08
European Youth Championships U19	SERBIA	15.07 - 24.07
European Youth Championships U15	SERBIA	15.07 - 24.07
European U21 Championships	Bucharest ROU	12.04 - 17.04
European Youth Top 10	Youth Top 10	30.09 - 02.10
European Veterans Championships	Rimini ITA	25.06 - 02.07

Officiating in ETTU events (Champions League, Cup matches, European Team matches...)

Please do not forget to indicate the full name of each player in all documents as we have sometimes players with the same family name in a team. The line-ups of all teams also must be filled in as they are necessary for the further rounds in an event.

Development of Match Officials

We analysed the status of match officials in Europe and are ready to offer online training but also on-site training for all associations in Europe. We need to further develop and increase the number of match officials. Associations should not only concentrate on players but also match officials must be supported to ensure a professional implementation of an event in their countries.

2022 we will also have the International Umpire exam and ETTU URC also offers preparation courses for this exam.

If you are interested in any of these trainings, please ask your URC chairperson to inform ETTU URC.

Webinar - Match officials in the field of Para TT

At the end of March 2021 ETTU Para TT and URC organised a webinar for match officials, coaches and players to discuss specific regulations and needs for para events but also the expectations of para players and also match officials working in these events. The panellists Alena Kanova (4-time Paralympic medallist), Gorazd Vecko (coach and responsible for 9 Paralympic medals), Karen Tonge and Asko Rasinen presented their rich-experience in this field.



Webinar - Female Match Officials

Isabelle Beumier and Sanita Sveile organised on 7th December 2021 a webinar to discuss together with the panellists, who are successful and experienced female match officials, the role of women in the field officiating in table tennis. More than 80 participants attended the webinar, and it was agreed that the number of female match officials has to be increased and ETTU URC will especially support them in the next years.

ETTU URC organised a webinar for all interested female match officials but also women interested in officiating in table tennis in general. 65 participants from 26 countries attended the webinar and even China, Singapore and Iran were present. The panellists Ina Jozepson, Rebecca Bergfeldt, Kerstin Duchatz and Elena Semenova, who have achieved the highest level of officiating, informed about their career, their experiences and challenges. Isabelle Beumier guided through the webinar and a lot of ideas have been collected. It was highlighted that being a match official in our sport doesn't only allow us to be part of the international table tennis world but also to enhance the own personality and confidence. As match official you belong to a team and you will have a lot of international friends all around the world. All these motivating factors are helping to overcome challenges like time management with family and kids or financial burden (travel costs). Campaigns and role models like the panellists can be a factor for attracting more female match officials.

ETTU URC has formulated a specific goal: Each European association should identify two female candidates, who become umpires and latest in 2024 they should attend the International Umpire Exam. Each national URC should send the list of selected candidates for this project to ETTU URC and they will be specifically supported by ETTU URC (nominations for international events even if not international umpire, mentorship, online training)

ETTU URC database

Jaume Colldeforn is in the final stage of drafting the ETTU URC database, which shall be accessible for all national URC chairpersons. The database shall also include events and the assigned match officials.



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We are trying to do our best to support you. But we will also need your ideas and comments to improve our work. Therefore, please don't stop sending us your comments/feedback as they give us the ideas and suggestions for further development.

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