

I EUROPE YOUTH TOP 10

I.1 AUTHORITY FOR ORGANISATION

- I.1.1 The tournament, which shall consist of 4 events, Under 19 Boys, Under 19 Girls, Under 15 Boys and Under 15 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 Under 19 and Under 15 European ranking lists for boys and girls, but only Under 19 players who will be under 18 and Under 15 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 Under 19 events: In each event the reigning European Under 19 Champion, and the 9 other highest ranked Under 19 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 Under 19 player.
- I.4.3.2 Under 15 events: In each event the reigning European Under 15 Champion, and the 9 other highest ranked Under 15 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 Under 15 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 Under 19 and the Under 15 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.
