

European Champions League Women 2020-2021 Conditions of participation

Preamble:

This document sets the conditions of participation to the European Champions League Women 2020-2021.

As the League is not played in its classic version of home and away matches but in a bubble format at one location, there are different conditions to be accepted i.e. variations to the existing directives.

All laid down in this conditions of participation document overwrites the current directives however the parts of the latter documents will remain in force where the conditions of participation document does not give any different information.

In order that a club is accepted to participate in the European Champions League Women 2020-2021, the club via its official representative shall sign the conditions of participation document and return to ETTU no later than Monday 9th November 1200 CET.

1. Event location / host

Sportpark Lissfeld, Hausleitnerweg 105, 4020 Linz, Austria / Linz AG Froschberg

2. Competition dates

2-8.12.2020

3. Competition equipment (will be confirmed on 13.11.2020)

Table: Joola S2000 (tbc)

Net: Joola WM (tbc)

Balls: Joola Prime (tbc)

4. Amendment playing system

The playing format is changed into 4 groups of 4 teams each.

The draws for the positions 1 and 2 in the group stage shall remain as drawn earlier this year but the teams seeded 9-12 shall be drawn into position 3 of the 4 groups and the teams seeded 13-16 into position 4 of the 4 groups.

The draw will be made in November.

Consequently there are no stage 1 matches.

All matches will be played once i.e. a team to play only once against the same team (this is valid for the group stage and the KO stage).

In case less than 16 teams will participate, the playing format will be adapted at ETTU's sole discretion.

5. Competition schedule

The group phase will be played during the first 3 days of the competition on 2 tables where each team competes once against all other teams of their group. Each team will have 1 match per day. The group winners and runners-up proceed to the KO stage (quarter-finals). KO stage will be played on 1 table. The draw for the KO stage will be made after completion of the group stage.

Day 4: quarter finals

Day 5: break

Day 6: semi finals

Day 7: final followed by winning award ceremony

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Practice will take place in the second hall of the Center. There are up to 4 practice tables and 4 warm up tables and the training / warm up pre match schedule will be set by ETTU.

6. Bubble format / conditions

The bubble format means creation of a secured environment for all persons taking part in the Champions League (players, coaches, umpires, staff etc).

Teams will have breakfast, lunch and dinner in the bubble. So they shall not leave the bubble until eliminated from competition.

In order to be accepted entry to Austria, every person has to bring a negative PCR test, signed by a medical doctor. People tested positive will not be allowed to enter the hotel. On 30.11.2020 at 7:30 am a medical doctor will come to the hotel to make the antigen tests.

Results will be available the same day in the afternoon. All participants entering Austria without a pre arrival PCR test shall go into quarantine, alone and have to await result of a negative test. Afterwards the bubble is starting. Staff members will be tested separately and shall undergo a full PCR test.

All countries the participating clubs are from are generally allowed to take part. Every nationality has different restrictions, also the country where the people come from and stayed the last ten days before entering Austria (in case of a third state country) is important.

The current status can be checked here: <https://www.austria.info/en/service-and-facts/coronavirus-information>

Teams should arrive at least 2 days before competition start.

If at arrival there is a negative test available, the person can enter the bubble, later a positive test leads to re-tests of all of the group/pool. Positive tested persons will be quarantined until they have a negative test. That makes it possible that even a team with a positive person can still compete.

Most important bubble condition is that the teams stay together, eat with maximum 2 persons at one table, but with distance to each other as far as possible. The teams must follow the planned routes of walking, practicing and so on. Only some locals, local umpires, press and so on that are tested before and during the event on a daily basis, are allowed to sleep outside the bubble. There shall be no direct contact closer than 1,5m between any of the participants. The teams shall have no contact to the other teams, shall wear face masks, shall not go out of the bubble and shall use the disinfection gels which are made at disposal.

If somebody is at any time positive, the rules of the Austrian health office applies.

It is recommended that teams arrive as separately as possible to the event i.e. the whole team arriving together with a car or minibus is allowed but puts a higher risk to the team in case a person is positive. In Austria, people not living in the same household shall when driving in a car, keep 1 seat free between two persons.

A team shall consist of up to 7 persons. It is recommended to not have more than 6 in order to better secure the bubble. The clubs shall confirm the number of persons participating at the competition at the time of signing the conditions of participation document (latest 9th November 1200 CET). The names of the persons shall be confirmed by latest 13th November and

the travel details by latest 23rd November. There is most probable the chance to contract the Austrian Association's physiotherapist for the visiting teams in and during the competition. Teams needing a physiotherapist shall not bring their own.

The above sets the main bubble conditions however a more extensive hygienic concept/guideline will be made available asap to all the participants. The hygienic guideline will be based on the ITTF Covid-19 and the Austrian health office recommendations and shall be accepted by all participants.

7. Financial conditions

Visiting teams shall only use the official hotels and shall pay to the host upon reception of invoice hotel and meal costs for the group stage period. Invoices will be sent by 9.11.2020 by the host, payment must be made until 25.11.2020. Visiting teams who stay longer than the group stage (qualified for the KO stage) shall pay to the host upon reception of invoice hotel and meal costs for the KO period, the clubs will receive a total bill if required.

4 star hotel: 100€ in single room, 60€ in double room per person per night, including breakfast. Meals (lunch and dinner) will be provided for 20€ per person per meal.

Visiting teams shall arrange and pay for their delegation pre-arrival PCR Covid tests and let this negative test certified by a medical doctor in order to be able to cross the border to Austria.

8. Rights

Visiting teams are granted the exclusive right of advertisement on their players' clothing and will have the right of a surround (board) including own advertisement which will be used for the matches the team is playing. The production costs of these boards including print will not be a cost for the visiting teams. A board (surround) for the visiting team may only be given if the club provides the host club with all necessary information (sponsor logo etc) in due time, latest by 15th November.

Visiting teams are granted free all upon arrival Covid tests of their delegation and have no extra cost to the organisation's costs which are high mainly due to the bubble format conditions.

In case a team is taken out of competition by decision of the Austrian health office due to positive Covid tests, the team is not entitled to claim for any reimbursement.

If a person is tested positive, this person has to stay 14 days in quarantine in the hotel room.

The relating costs (hotel room etc) will be the player's club costs.

15.000€ total prize money will be equally shared among the teams arriving at the competition and play.

9. Various amendments to the current directives

Directive 3.8 (50% participation) is cancelled.

Directive 5.10 is cancelled as no 2 legged matches, no golden match.

Directive 6.1 remains valid but there may be adjustments due to hygienic measures such as no change of ends etc and confirmed by ETTU.

Directive 6.6 on multiballs and BBGs may be cancelled or modified depending on hygienic measures and confirmed by ETTU.

Directive 8.7 and 14.9 *The home club shall notify the visiting team of the colours of its playing clothing and the visiting team shall wear different colours.*

is amended into:

All teams shall bring at least 2 different sets of playing clothing (with a clear difference in the main colour). ETTU, after consultation with the Referee will decide on which set of clothing the teams shall wear for each match in case the teams playing each other have chosen as first priority clothing of the same or similar colour(s).

Directive 8.11 *The playing conditions must be checked and approved by the Referee, whose decision shall be final. Even in case of disputes about the playing conditions the clubs are obliged to play the match.*

is amended into:

The playing conditions are checked and approved by ETTU, whose decision shall be final. Even in case of disputes about the playing conditions the clubs are obliged to play the match.

Directive 9 is cancelled. A practice and warm up schedule will be made available for each team by ETTU.

Directive 11 is amended by this document.

Directive 12 is dealt with by ETTU and the host and may be different.

Addition to directive 14.5: all participants/teams grant to Sportradar/ETTU free of charge the unrestricted worldwide exploitation rights concerning all photos and video material taken at the competition.

Directive 15 is not valid for visiting teams.

I herewith confirm and accept on behalf of my club the conditions of participation

I agree that my team's confirmation of participation is binding and final and may only be withdrawn in case of force majeure (by governmental decision not allowed to leave the country)

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| <i>Name of the club:</i> | |
| <i>Name of the club's official representative:</i> | |
| <i>Position in the club:</i> | |
| <i>My team will take part with (indicate the number of persons):</i> | |
| <i>Date:</i> | |
| <i>Signature:</i> | |
