

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 There shall be also consolation events for players defeated in the qualifying stages and in the first round of the singles events.
- D.5.3 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. A match between losing semi-finalists to determine positions 3 and 4 shall not be played. 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 Individual events shall be played on a knockout basis, with matches determined in the singles events by the best of 7 games and in the doubles events by 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.13.3 There shall be no plaques, medals or presentations for consolation 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.
