

INFO 2018/6

Luxembourg, 20th December 2018

1. FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

2018 is coming to an end. It has been a very busy year, with many world level table tennis highlights, but also with lots of discussions that had little to do with ETTU's main tasks: organising European table tennis events, taking care of European interests in the international arena and promoting table tennis throughout Europe. Of course one should not be naive and think that politics and sport are not connected: whenever people are working together, some politics are involved. But what has happened during and after the 2017 Ordinary Congress and continued in 2018 will not qualify for any beauty contest. I think it is surely time to close this year in harmony.



Many of the initiatives announced already in 2013 and after are beginning to bear fruit. A new formula for our European Championships, our Development Programme and our financial situation show in my opinion that we are on the right track. European successes in the World Cadet Challenge and the World Junior Championships give us hope that we are narrowing the gap with our Asian friends. Congratulations must go to the players and coaches and all others involved!

2019 is waiting for us. A year that no doubt again will be full of individual and team successes and surely also full of challenges. It is also the second year of the CCB Top-16 Cup in Montreux, that will demonstrate the advantages of staging this prestigious event in one city for a number of years and thus creating the possibility of building a tradition. Also the year of the 2nd European Games, to be held in Minsk in June, with enlarged qualification opportunities for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games.

2019 will be a year in which the cooperation agreements with ITTF will support ETTU to further enhance the development, the quality and the market for European table tennis. Including our belief that - unlike in the other five continents - our national and European club competitions deserve our attention and support. Also a year of debating and deciding on a new and modern Constitution as an important instrument in our aim to create more opportunities to make our sport more able to respond to the rapid changes at world level, in our societies, in the commercial sector and in our member associations. We will need to keep our eyes and ears open, be active and look for new opportunities.

On behalf of ETTU's Executive Board and its professional staff, I wish all who contribute to the well-being of European table tennis, a peaceful and happy festive season and a successful New Year!

Kindest regards,



Ronald Kramer



02. 2020 EUROPEAN OLYMPIC SINGLES QUALIFICATION EVENT

· Associations wishing to stage the ITTF Continental Singles Qualification event for Europe, to be played April 2020 (tentatively between 6th and 19th), are kindly requested to send their initial applications to the ETTU Secretariat (ettu@pt.lu and rcsettu@pt.lu) to arrive not later than **Friday 1st February 2019**.

03. 2019 ITTF EUROPEAN TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS STAGE 2

· Stage 2 groups will be played on **Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th May 2019**.

· Associations wishing to host a group shall notify the ETTU Secretariat (ettu@pt.lu and rcsettu@pt.lu) not later than **Thursday 3rd January 2019** specifying the host city and playing hall, equipment, nearest international airport and railway station, and indicating their intention to live stream. For the groups of 4 teams, 2 competition tables are required.

· Host Associations will be notified not later than **Tuesday 8th January 2019**.

· 5 group winners and 5 group runners up proceed to the final stage of the Championships.

· **Stage 2 draw:**

Men group 1 Romania, Serbia, Lithuania

Men group 2 Denmark, Netherlands, Switzerland

Men group 3 Ukraine, Italy, England, Estonia

Men group 4 Hungary, Czech Republic, Israel, Ireland

Men group 5 Turkey, Luxembourg, Finland, Bulgaria

Women group 1 Russia, Turkey, Lithuania

Women group 2 Spain, England, Belgium

Women group 3 Italy, Serbia, Estonia

Women group 4 Switzerland, Slovakia, Greece

Women group 5 Slovenia, Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Israel

· Order of play:

Saturday 18th May am – training

Saturday 18th May 1400 local time – 1 v 3 / 1 v 3 and 2 v 4

Saturday 18th May 1900 local time – 1 v 2 / 1 v 2 and 3 v 4

Sunday 19th May 1100 local time – 2 v 3 / 2 v 3 and 1 v 4

04. 2019 ITTF EUROPEAN TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS FINAL STAGE

· The Final Stage will be played **Tuesday 3rd to Sunday 8th September 2019** at Nantes FRA.

· Final Stage groups: the 2017 title holder (men – Germany, women – Romania), the host Association (France) and the 6 stage 1 group winners will be drawn to position 1 of the 8 groups, according to a seeding list provided by the Ranking Committee. The remaining 16 teams, seeded according to ITTF World ranking, will be drawn to positions 2 and 3 of the 8 groups.

· Men A1 winner Austria, runner up Portugal, A2 Slovenia, Belgium
A3 Sweden, Spain, A4 Poland, Croatia
A5 Belarus, Slovakia, A6 Greece, Russia

· Women A1 winner Germany, runner up Luxembourg, A2 Netherlands, Croatia
A3 Sweden, Belarus, A4 Hungary, Czech Republic
A5 Portugal, Austria, A6 Ukraine, Poland



05. 2019 CCB EUROPE TOP 16 CUP

· The following players have accepted invitations to the 2019 CCB Europe Top 16 Cup to be played **Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd February 2019** at Montreux SUI

Men:

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| BOLL Timo | GER |
| OVTCHAROV Dimitrij | GER |
| FALCK Mattias | SWE |
| PITCHFORD Liam | ENG |
| SAMSONOV Vladimir | BLR |
| GROTH Jonathan | DEN |
| GAUZY Simon | FRA |
| KARLSSON Kristian | SWE |
| FREITAS Marcos | POR |
| LEBESSON Emmanuel | FRA |
| HABESOHN Daniel | AUT |
| APOLONIA Tiago | POR |
| KOU Lei | UKR |
| IONESCU Ovidiu | ROU |
| GIONIS Panagiotis | GRE |
| WEBER Lionel | SUI |

Women:

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| POLCANOVA Sofia | AUT |
| SZOCS Bernadette | ROU |
| SAMARA Elizabeta | ROU |
| LI Jie | NED |
| SOLJA Petrissa | GER |
| EKHOLM Matilda | SWE |
| LI Qian | POL |
| POTA Georgina | HUN |
| EERLAND Britt | NED |
| MIKHAILOVA Polina | RUS |
| NI Xia Lian | LUX |
| MITTELHAM Nina | GER |
| PARTYKA Natalia | POL |
| MATELOVA Hana | CZE |
| BALAZOVA Barbora | SVK |
| MORET Rachel | SUI |

06. 2019 EUROPEAN UNDER 21 CHAMPIONSHIPS

· To be played **Thursday 7th to Sunday 10th March 2019** at Gondomar POR.

· Invitations have been sent to the highest ranked 48 men and 48 women players derived from the December 2018 European Under 21 ranking lists, with a maximum of 3 men and 3 women players from an Association, together with wildcards for 8 men and 8 women players.

· Entries must be submitted online by Tuesday 8th January 2019 for the invited players. The deadline to form doubles pairs is Friday 8th February 2019 while the deadline for reserve players in case of cancellations of the invited players is Friday 18th January 2019. The deadline to provide the accommodation/travel details is Friday 8th February 2019.

07. 2nd EUROPEAN GAMES MINSK 2019

· According to the Special Team Ranking List as of 1st December 2018 the following 12 men's and 12 women's teams will participate at the 2nd European Games:

Men's Team

Austria AUT, Belarus BLR, Belgium BEL, Croatia CRO, Denmark DEN, France FRA, Germany GER, Great Britain GBR, Portugal POR, Romania ROU, Slovenia SLO, Sweden SWE

Women's Team

Austria AUT, Belarus BLR, Germany GER, Hungary HUN, Luxembourg LUX, Netherlands NED, Poland POL, Romania ROU, Russia RUS, Spain ESP, Sweden SWE, Ukraine UKR

· A further update on the Qualification System and Timeline, Competition Format and Special Regulations, and International Technical Officials will be provided in INFO 2019-1 (mid-January 2019).

Best wishes from the ETTU Secretariat



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