

K EUROPEAN CLUB COMPETITION - WOMEN

K.1 European Club Competition - Women

The European Club Competition - Women shall be organised in two different events:

- a) The European Champions League (named hereafter **ECLW**).
- b) The ETTU Cup (named hereafter **ETCW**)

K.1.2 The European Club Competition - Women shall be open for the winners of the ECLW and ETCW of the previous season and up to eight (8) clubs of each Member Association, taking part during the same season in the top national leagues, and having been entered by their Association. Clubs with any debts stemming from ETTU Club competitions (ECCW) will be unable to participate until these debts are settled.

Clubs wishing to participate in the ECCW will only be accepted if the entry fees are transferred to the ETTU bank account 7 workdays prior the Drawing of Lots for the 1st stage.

K.1.3 The competition shall be conducted by the ETTU Secretary General, whose authority shall include changing dates and venues of matches whenever needed.

K.1.4 All matches shall be played at a venue located within 5 hours from CET.

K.2 QUALIFICATION

K.2.1 ECLW

The ECLW shall be open only to

- a) the winner of the ECLW of the previous season;
- b) the eleven (11) highest ranked teams (considering all entries) from the seeding list based on the total number of ranking points of the three highest ranked players on the last available World Ranking List at the final date for entries, but only one (1) “foreign player” (non European) being considered.

K.2.1.1 No more than three (3) clubs from the same Association are entitled to participate in the ECLW.

K.2.1.2 If a qualified club does not enter the ECLW or does not fulfil the requirements set up, the next highest ranked club of the seeding will fill the vacant position, unless the national Association of that club reached already the maximum (3) available places in the ECLW.

K.2.1.3 In case a qualified club does not participate in the ECLW, this club is not allowed to participate in the ETCW neither.

After release of the seeding list, clubs have a 48 hours exit possibility. The clubs and the association of the clubs have to notify ETTU about their withdrawal by email. A cancellation fee of two hundred (200) € has to be paid to the ETTU bank account. All withdrawals after the exit possibility will be fined up to five thousand (5.000) €.

K.2.1.4 Every club engaged in the ECLW has to participate with one official representative in a meeting, if convened by ETTU.

K.2.2 ETCW

All teams not qualified for the ECLW are qualified to play in the ETCW. After release of the seeding list, clubs have a 48 hours exit possibility. The clubs and the association of the clubs have to notify ETTU about their withdrawal by email. A cancellation fee of two hundred (200) € has to be paid to the ETTU bank account. All withdrawals after the exit possibility will be fined up to five thousand (5.000) €.

K.3 ENTRIES

K.3.1 A club wishing to enter the ETTU Club Competition - Women shall enter via his national association at the online entry system by entering all requested data i.e. the name of the club, address, name of the responsible authorised club representative with its phone number and e-mail address, address of the playing hall, type of the floor for the home matches, colour of the shirts, equipment (tables, nets, balls), names of minimum six (6) and maximum eight (8) eligible players.

The entry forms shall in addition be sent by email together with the signed regulations to the ETTU Secretariat.

In case of emergency (illness or injuries of several players) the ETTU Secretary General may allow the participation of a not nominated player. In such a case a nominated player cannot be nominated as reserve player for the relating match and must be lower ranked than the top three players of the club.

The national Association of the club shall be responsible for its clubs and players with respect to entry fee, discipline, nominations, eligibility and in compliance with the ETTU regulations.

K.4 FIXTURES

K.4.1 The competition shall be held each season according to a schedule published by ETTU.

K.4.2 The actual playing season shall be from the day before the first round of the competition until the day after the second final match.

K.5 THE DRAW

K.5.1 The draw shall be made in public by the ETTU on a date and a place to be published in advance on the official ETTU web site. Only clubs which have complied with regulation K.1 and K.6 will be included in the draw. All clubs entered and all Member Associations will be notified of the result of the draw.

K.6 COMPOSITION OF TEAMS (ECLW and ETCW)

K.6.1 Only nominated players are entitled to represent their club. A club shall nominate via its national Association 6 – 8 players. In this list, only 2 players who are not eligible in accordance with the provisions of Regulation B.10 to represent the club concerned ("foreign players") may be nominated and must be clearly designated.

In case a player starts the competition as a "foreign player" and her nationality changes during the playing season she shall nonetheless continue to be considered as a "foreign player" up to the end of the current playing season.

- K.6.2 Only 1 “foreign player” is entitled to participate in a team match. In case 1 “foreign player” is nominated to participate in the team match, it is not allowed to nominate the second “foreign player”, if given, as “reserve player”.
- K.6.3 After the entry deadline the ETTU Secretariat will send to the participating clubs and to their Associations a list of the players nominated by each club.
- K.6.4 A player shall compete only for one club, participating in ETTU club competitions, in the period starting the day before the first round of the competition until the day after the last match in the competition.
The responsibility for player participation in competitions other than the ETTU Club Competitions remains with the national Associations and the clubs themselves.
- K.6.5 The 3 highest ranked players per club must have participated in at least 50% of the group matches to be allowed to continue playing in the final stages i.e. the quarter-final, semi-final and final matches. If 1 or more of these players are reserve players and present in the playing hall of a match, they will be considered as participants of that match, but only if their presence is confirmed by the Referee on the result sheet of that match. Club captains are responsible to check if their players present are written on the score sheet while signing it. No later request will be accepted. Regulation K.6.5 applies only for ECLW.

K.7 ECCW PENALTY CATALOGUE

- K.7.1 A club violating the ITTF Laws, the ETTU Constitution, the ETTU Regulations or the ETTU Directives may be disqualified from the competition and will be financially fined. A team which has refused to continue the match until its end, played with an incomplete team or failed to play the match at all may be fined up ten thousand (10,000) €. A team whose players, coaches or officials during or in connection with a match have behaved in a way that the table tennis sport has been brought into disrepute may be financially fined and a ban can be imposed on the players, coaches or officials for the following match(es).
- K.7.2 In case of infringement of Regulation K.6.4, the club may be disqualified from all competitions under the jurisdiction of the ETTU, and may be fined up to five thousand (5,000) €. The team of such a player may lose all matches of the current playing season by 3:0.
In case it happened after the quarter-finals are played, the loss of the matches will be only valid for the final stage and not for the group stage.
- K.7.3 All withdrawals after the exit possibility may be fined up to five thousand (5.000) €.
- K.7.4 A club not fulfilling the duties to offer appropriate meals or transportation may be fined up to two thousand (2,000) €.
- K.7.5 K.7.5.1 A club failing to observe the Regulations and Directives concerning advertisement within the playing area may be fined up to five thousand (5,000) € for each disregard.
K.7.5.2 A club whose players fail to observe the Regulations and Directives concerning advertisements on players’ clothing may be fined up to five thousand (5,000) €.

- K.7.6 A club failing to use the correct denomination of the official sponsor(s) may be fined up to two thousand (2.000) € on each occasion.
- K.7.7 A club failing to fulfil the obligations regarding the production of live streaming may be fined up to five thousand (5.000) €.
- K.7.8 A club nominating a player and qualifying for the ECL through this player's ranking points, but not letting this player take part in the competition, may, unless for justified reasons (illness/injury), be fined up to five thousand (5,000) € and may be banned from competing in the ECCW in the following season(s).
- K.7.9 A club failing to send the results of a match as specified (to the three addresses), failing to make a prompt and satisfactory financial settlement with an opposing club, using wrong equipment, not inviting the opponent team in time or failing to provide the LSS may be subject to a fine of five hundred (500) € on the first occasion; on a second occasion this fine may be increased to one thousand (1,000) € and on all further occasions to two thousand (2,000) €.
- K.7.10 A club failing to answer to ETTU requests in due time (within 48 hours) may be fined up to two hundred (200) €.
- K.7.11 A club having a lower light intensity than laid down in the Regulations and Directives may be fined up to one thousand (1,000) €.
- K.7.12 A ECLW club failing to have one official club representative present in the meeting convened by ETTU may be fined up to two thousand (2,000) €.
- K.7.13 All penalties mentioned in this chapter shall be imposed by the ETTU Club Competition Official.
- K.7.14 Further contraventions, not specified above, to the Regulations and Directives may also be fined by the ETTU Club Competition Official.

K.8 JURISDICTION

- K.8.1 A club wishing to protest about any aspect of an ECCW match shall send this protest, together with all relevant details, by e-mail to the ETTU Secretariat, within 2 days after the date of the match. No protest shall be accepted after this deadline.
- K.8.2 The ETTU Club Competition Official has to take a decision concerning a protest as soon as possible after the protest has been received and the necessary hearing and investigations have been concluded.
- K.8.3 A club wishing to protest against a decision of the ETTU Club Competition Official shall send this protest, together with the relevant details, including reasoning, by e-mail via the ETTU Secretariat to the ETTU Board of Justice within 4 days after the receipt of the decision. No protest shall be accepted after this deadline.
- K.8.4 The costs of the procedure of the ETTU Board of Justice shall include the actual expenses and the protest fee of one thousand (1.000) €. This latter fee shall be paid into the ETTU bank account and has to be received by the ETTU within eight (8) days of the submission of the case otherwise the protest is not accepted and the ETTU Club Competition Official decision remains final.
- K.8.5 Through the intermediary of the ETTU Secretariat, the ETTU Board of Justice shall inform the opposing or accused party (parties) within fifteen (15) days of the case lodging.

- K.8.6 Any appeal against the decision of the ETTU Board of Justice shall be made to the ETTU Board of Appeal, within 3 days of the notification of the decision of the ETTU Board of Justice, which should be communicated via the ETTU Secretariat. The decision of the ETTU Board of Appeal shall be final on ETTU level.
- K.8.7 The costs of the procedure of the ETTU Board of Appeal shall include the actual expenses and the appeal fee of one thousand (1.000) €. This latter fee shall be paid into the ETTU bank account and has to be received by the ETTU within eight (8) days of the submission of the case otherwise the protest is not accepted and the Board of Justice decision remains final.
- K.8.8 Through the intermediary of the ETTU Secretariat, the ETTU Board of Appeal shall inform any other party (parties) concerned within fifteen (15) days of the appeal lodging.
- K.8.9 At the time of making a protest, the protesting club shall pay to the ETTU bank account a fee of one thousand (1.000) € per case, to be received within 8 days, which will be refunded if the protest is not upheld or if the contested sentence is cancelled.
- K.8.10 At the time of making an appeal, the appealing club shall send to the ETTU bank account a fee of one thousand (1.000) € per case, which will be refunded if the appeal is not upheld or if the contested sentence is cancelled.
- K.8.11 In case of any appeal against the decision of the ETTU Board of Appeal at the Court of Arbitration for Sports shall be made within 14 days of the notification of the decision of the ETTU Board of Appeal, which should be communicated to the ETTU Secretariat.

These official Regulations (Directives are an official part of it) are produced to govern the running of the ETTU European Club Competition - Women. All clubs participating in the ECCW respect and support these regulations. Any infringement or disregard for the contents of any part of any chapter of these official Regulations and Directives will be sanctioned according to the ETTU ECCW PENALTY CATALOGUE.

By signing below, the club and the National Association of the club signal that they have read, accepted and agreed the official Regulations and Directives for the European Club Competition – Women:

Club representative

Representative
National Association
