

# Ordinary Congress Agenda item (k)

## Proposition proposed by the Executive Board

### Regulation B: General Regulation

### B.10.3 International Eligibility

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(1) Principally, the ITTF eligibility regulations for World Title events shall apply to all ETTU team and individual Events, except as provided in § (2), § (3) and in the chapters B.10.3.1. to B.10.3.5.

(2) A player who is not eligible to take part in the European Championships according to the provisions of § (1), but who:

- is eligible to represent at the Olympic Games the NOC of a country whose National Table Tennis Federation is a Member of the ETTU, and
- is able to officially prove that he has uninterruptedly been a resident in this country for at least five (5) years, and
- has not represented the National Table Tennis Federation of another country at international table tennis events for at least three (3) years,

is eligible to participate in European Championships, team and individual events.

*ADD:* The ITTF eligibility regulations for World Title events shall apply to all ETTU team and individual Events, except as provided in the chapters B.10.3.1. and B.10.3.2.

#### ~~B.10.3.1. Europe TOP 12~~

~~(1) Only players eligible to represent a Member Association in the European Championships' team events are eligible to participate in the Europe TOP 12 events.~~

#### B.10.3.2. European Veterans Championships

**Renumbered B.10.3.1.**

(1) A player shall register with the Organising Committee under the name of the country he is a national of, and/or his country of main residence in Europe. If requested by the Organising Committee or the referee, the player shall provide documentary evidence of his eligibility.

#### ~~B.10.3.3. European Youth Championships~~

~~(1) A player shall be eligible to represent in the European Youth Championships a Member Association having jurisdiction in a country, if:~~

~~a) the player either~~

- ~~a.1. is a national of that country;~~
- ~~a.2. has been born in that country without being a national of it;~~
- ~~a.3. is resident in that country since at least five years ( the concerned player shall provide official documentary evidence of his residence, if so required by ETTU );~~

~~and~~

~~b) the player has never before represented any other Member Association in the European Youth Championships.~~

#### ~~B.10.3.4. Europe Youth TOP 10~~

~~(1) Only players eligible to represent a Member Association in the European Youth Championships are eligible to participate in the Europe Youth TOP 10.~~

### **B.10.3.5. European Club Competitions**

**Renumbered B.10.3.2.**

(1) A player shall be eligible to represent a club as a 'non-foreign' player in the European Champions League or in the ETTU Cup if he is eligible to represent the *Member Association* to which the club concerned is affiliated in international team competitions in which the team represents an Association.

Besides, a player having the nationality of a state whose National Table Tennis Association is a *Member Association* shall have the right to represent as a 'non-foreign' player any club of any *Member Association*.

(2) A player who has represented a club as a 'non-foreign' player in one of the *Events* mentioned in the first section of § (1) shall have the right to represent as a 'non-foreign' player any club of the *Member Association* to which the club he last represented is affiliated.

(3) A club shall, through the *Member Association* to which it is affiliated, register with the *General Secretary* all proposed representative players who previously have represented a club of another *Member Association*, not later than two (2) months before the start of the first event in which the players concerned are to represent it.

Rationale: To align the eligibility rules for all ETTU team and individual events, except Veterans Championships and Club Competitions, with those of the ITTF to ensure greater credibility and better understanding. Eligibility for an ETTU event, gained according to the existing Regulation B.10.3., shall be retained.

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### Regulation CI: European Championships (Individual events) CI.7 Entries

CI.7.1 Numbers CI.7.1.1 In singles events each Association shall be entitled to enter according to the results of the previous year's European Championships team events **final stage and 2<sup>nd</sup> stage** as follows:

Associations in positions 1-4	5 players
Associations in positions <del>5-14, 17-18</del> 5-8	4 players
Associations in positions <del>15-16, 19-30</del> 9-16 (2 <sup>nd</sup> in final stage groups)	4 players
Associations in positions <del>31-56</del> 17-24 (3 <sup>rd</sup> in final stage groups)	3 players
<b>6 best placed Associations not proceeding to the final stage (from 2<sup>nd</sup> stage groups)</b>	<b>3 players</b>
<b>All remaining Associations</b>	<b>2 players</b>
Host Association	5 players

In case of vacant places, one place will be allocated firstly to the 14 Associations with 3 players according to the ranking positions of the Associations, secondly if there are remaining places one place will be allocated to Associations with 2 players according to the ranking positions of the Associations.

Rationale: To update the Associations' entry allocation following the introduction of a final stage for the European Championships (team events).

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### Regulation CI: European Championships (Individual Events) CI.4 Date and Duration

CI.4.1 The Championships shall be held ~~in September or October~~ between 14<sup>th</sup> September and 31<sup>st</sup> October over a period of 6 days.

Rationale: To ensure the European Championships are held in mid-September or October.

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### Regulation CT: European Championships (Team Events) CT.5.3 Date and Duration

CT 5.3.1 The final stage of the Championships shall be held ~~in September or October~~ between 14<sup>th</sup> September and 31<sup>st</sup> October over a period of 6 days.

Rationale: To ensure the European Championships are held in mid-September or October.

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### Regulation H: Europe Top 16 Cup H.4 Qualification

H.4.2 In each event the following players shall be invited:

- a) The current European Champion.
- b) The top 14 players from the last available European Ranking List excluding the current European Champion, or top 15 players if a Host Association player qualifies.
- c) If no players qualify from the Host Association then the Host Association shall nominate one Host Association player. There shall be no more than ~~4~~ 2 players from an Association.

Rationale: To align the number of players from an Association for the Europe Top 16 Cup, a qualification for the World Cups, with the ITTF playing system for World Cup for Men and World Cup for Women.

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### Regulation U: European Under 21 Championships U.3 Qualification

U.3.3 If no players qualify from the host Association then the host Association shall nominate one host Association player. **Any vacant places, after the deadline fixed by the Secretary General, may be offered to the host Association in accordance with regulation U.7.1.1.**

Rationale: To provide the host Association with the possibility to take vacant places in the singles events.

## **Ordinary Congress Agenda item (k) Proposition proposed by the Bosnia and Herzegovina Association (STSBIH)**

To avoid a public scandal for the ETTU regarding the court case against the President and the Vice President of Finance, for unauthorised payments made to the President from ETTU funds; be it resolved that the ETTU Congress relieves the President of his duties effective immediately. Such decision will result in the court case to be withdrawn and the image of the ETTU as an organisation respecting the principles of good governance and transparency to be restored.

Rationale: The ETTU's EB and the ETTU's Congress never took an official decision voted upon at any official meeting to remunerate the President and the amount of remuneration. The President must assume responsibility for misleading the membership by not seeking a clear decision from either body. The BIH TTA guarantees that it is prepared to withdraw the court case against Mr. Ronald Kramer (and Mrs Dorte Darfelt as a third party) is relieved of his duties by the ETTU Congress in order to save the image of the ETTU from further damage and to avoid putting the ETTU in disrepute publicly.

## **Ordinary Congress Agenda item (k) Proposition proposed by the Danish Association (DBTU)**

On the basis of the results of the work of the ETTU Executive Board over the period 2013-2018, the Congress has full confidence in the President, the Vice President for Finances and all other Vice Presidents. They should continue their excellent work during the rest of the period for which they are elected, i.e. until 2020.

## **Ordinary Congress Agenda item (k) Proposition proposed by the German Association (DTTB)**

The 2018 ETTU Ordinary Congress accepts the President's report (item 3 on the agenda of the 2018 Extraordinary Congress in Halmstad) as given by the Secretary General and confirmed by the President, regarding the details of the payments to the President from 2013 to 2017 in line with the budgets approved by the Congress and confirmed by the auditors and the Congress.

## **Ordinary Congress Agenda item (k) Proposition proposed by the Malta Association (MTTA)**

This meeting instructs the Executive Board to place the following motion on the Agenda for the 2019 ITTF Annual General Meeting in Budapest: 'The ETTU require the ITTF Board of Directors to return to the system used at the World Team Table Tennis Championship in Kuala Lumpur in 2016 which allowed the entry of up to 96 men's and 96 women's teams in the Team Championship.'

## **Ordinary Congress Agenda item (k) Proposition proposed by the Slovenian Federation (NTZS)**

In view of the fact that the issue of the remuneration payments to the ETTU President has not been resolved, and because such remuneration was not clearly declared prior to the previous two elections (2013 and 2016), it is imperative to hold, exceptionally, a new election for President as soon as possible at a time and place decided by the Congress.

Explanation: The majority of Associations were not aware that the President is remunerated. The amount of the remuneration does not appear in any formal and official decisions. The information was only presented at the 2017 Dusseldorf Congress, after two elections were already held in 2013 and 2016. It is not fair to those that may have been interested in running for the position of President if they knew they could be remunerated. 5000 euros is a good salary for a full-time position in many European countries. In fairness, the position of President should be reopened to give anyone interested the opportunity to be a candidate knowing the financial conditions in advance.