

CT EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS (Team events)

CT.1 AUTHORITY FOR ORGANISATION

- CT.1.1 The championships shall be organised by one member Association appointed by the ETTU Executive Board.
In odd numbered years, the championships shall include men's team and women's team events.
- CT.1.2 Application procedure and decision
- CT.1.2.1 Any Association wishing to organise the championships shall send a written application to the Secretary General.
- CT.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.
- CT.1.2.3 The Regulations and the Directives and the directives for presentations can be obtained from the Secretary General, who will also set the date for the presentations.
- CT.1.2.4 The Executive Board shall appoint the organising Association, after the evaluation of the presentations held by the applicants.
- CT.1.2.5 The championships shall be organised according to the provisions of a contract between ETTU and the organising 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.

CT.2 RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS

- CT.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 ETTU and the organising Association.
- CT.2.2 All gate receipts belong to the organising Association.

CT.3 QUALIFICATION

- CT.3.1 The championships shall be open for entry to all member Associations whose subscriptions are not in arrears.
- CT.3.2 Teams not having competed in the European Championships Team Qualification will be allocated to the Standard Division.
The Championships Qualification Division shall be composed of 30 teams, the 29 highest rank teams according to final positions and the winner of the Standard Division at the preceding European Championships (Team events).

15 teams will qualify for the European Championships (Team events) Championships Division together with the European Championships (Team events) host Association. The remaining 15 teams will qualify for the European Championships (Team events) Challenge Division.

The Challenge Qualification Division shall be composed of all remaining teams; 1 team will qualify for the European Championships (Team events) Challenge Division.

CT.3.3 All players shall be eligible to represent their Associations in accordance with the provisions of article B.10.

CT.4 DATE AND DURATION

CT.4.1 The championships shall be held in September or October over a period of 5 days.

CT.4.2 The organising Association, in cooperation with the ETTU Competition Manager, shall submit an outline playing schedule to the Chair of the Technical Committee and to the Secretary General for approval no later than 6 months before the championships.

CT.5 EVENTS

CT.5.1 The championships shall include men's team and women's team events

CT.5.1.2 For the team events a division format will be used, with

- 16 teams in the 1st division (Championships Division)

- 16 teams in the 2nd division (Challenge Division) and

- the remaining teams in the 3rd division (Standard Division).

CT.6 ENTRY FEES AND LEVIES

CT.6.1 There shall be, payable to the ETTU, a levy of 25.000 € for the championships on the organising Association and an entry fee of 1.800 € on a team in the Championships Division, 1.200 € on a team in the Challenge Division and 600 € on a team in the Standard Division.

CT.6.2 The relevant entry fees from the participating teams 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 Championships without notification in writing to the organising Association and the ETTU will be fined by the ETTU Secretary General with an amount of up to 5,000 € and entry into the next European Championships will only be accepted if payment for entry fees and hospitality charges are made in full to the organisers at the same time as the entry form.

CT.6.3 The entry fees as well as other pre-payment will not be refunded if an Association fails to arrive at the European Championships.

CT.7 ENTRIES

CT.7.1 Numbers

CT.7.1.1 An Association may enter only 1 team in each team event.

CT.7.1.2 Each Association shall be entitled to enter up to 5 players in a men's team and up to 5 players in a women's team.

CT.7.2 Entry Forms

CT.7.2.1 The Prospectus shall be agreed by the organising Association with the Secretary General and shall be distributed to all member Associations.

CT.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 captains, that they understand and accept the conditions of the championships, that they are prepared to compete against all other teams participating and that they are insured fully against illness and injury for the duration of the championships.

CT.7.3 Modification

CT.7.3.1 Associations are allowed to modify their online entries (no additional entries are allowed) only up to the relating deadline announced in the Prospectus (principally 5 working days before the start of the championships). In case of late non-availability of any player after the relating deadline the Secretary General may allow up to the first jury meeting Associations to replace a non-available player by another player. For such replacement the Association shall pay to the ETTU an administration fee of 100 € per replacement.

CT.8 HOSPITALITY

CT.8.1 The organising Association shall cover 100% of the cost of hospitality from the evening before the championships begin until the morning after they end for up to 3 persons (1 male player, 1 female player and a non-playing coach) of an Association that has entered.

CT.8.2 The organising Association shall provide free hospitality from the evening before the ETTU Congress until the morning after the ETTU Congress for 1 delegate from each Association attending the ETTU Congress during the championships. A delegate, nominated by an Association to attend the ETTU Congress and receiving free hospitality, not attending the ETTU Congress shall be required to reimburse the organising Association.

CT.8.3 The organising Association shall provide free hospitality from the evening before the championships begin until the morning after they end for

CT.8.3.1 the Executive Board members, the ETTU Sub-Committee Chairs, the Club Competitions, Press and Medical Officials or their deputies, the Competition Manager, the Honorary Members and 6 ETTU staff members;

CT.8.3.2 all invited foreign referees and umpires.

CT.8.4 The organising Association shall provide free hospitality for all referees from the evening two days before the championships begin until the morning after they end, plus the travel expenses.

CT.8.5 The costs of hospitality for persons not entitled to free hospitality, shall be agreed at least 6 months in advance by the ETTU Executive Board,

and shall be subject to a contract between ETTU and the organising Association.

CT.8.6 The participating Associations have to use the accommodation provided by the organising Association. The hospitality costs include: accommodation in a high level hotel (checked by ETTU), all meals of a high quality, the return transportation from the nearest international airport/railway station to the hotel and venue, the shuttle bus transportation during the competition hall/hotel, the accreditation to the competition with guaranteed seats for the final matches.

CT.8.7 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 and when the draw for team events is conducted.

CT.8.8 Cancellation fees

CT.8.8.1 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.

CT.8.8.2 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 every person and for the whole period this person was initially nominated.

CT.9 THE DRAW

CT.9.1 The draw for team events shall take place at least 30 days before the start of the championships and its outcome shall be published on the day of the draw.

CT.9.2 For team events no entry will be accepted after the deadline fixed in the prospectus.

CT.9.3 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.

CT.9.4 The seeding for the team events in the Championships and Challenge Divisions shall be done on the basis of a seeding list provided by the Ranking Committee.

CT.10 JURY

CT.10.1 The Jury shall consist of the Chairs of the Ranking, Umpires and Referees, and Technical Committees or their deputies, a representative of the organising Association, the ETTU Secretary General or a representative of the Executive Board and the Referee or deputy.

CT.10.2 The chair of the Jury shall be the Chair of the Technical Committee.

CT.10.3 The ETTU Competition Manager may attend the Jury meetings with the right to speak but without the right to vote.

CT.10.4 The Jury shall meet on the eve of the championships and at any other time when necessary.

CT.11 SYSTEM OF PLAY

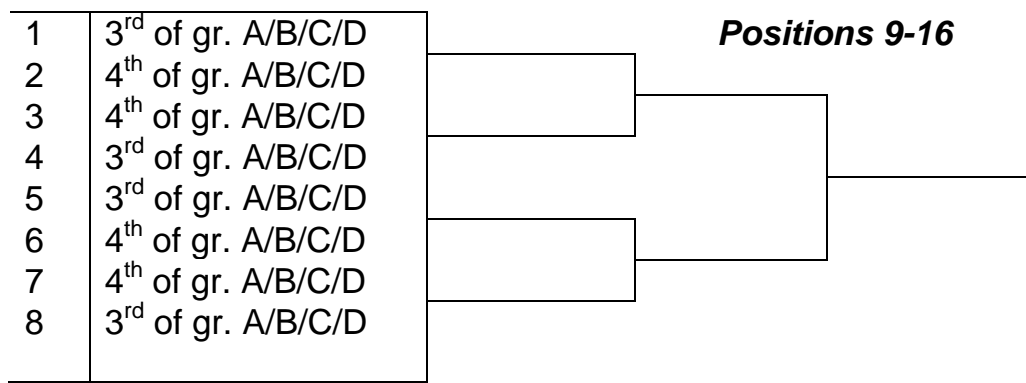
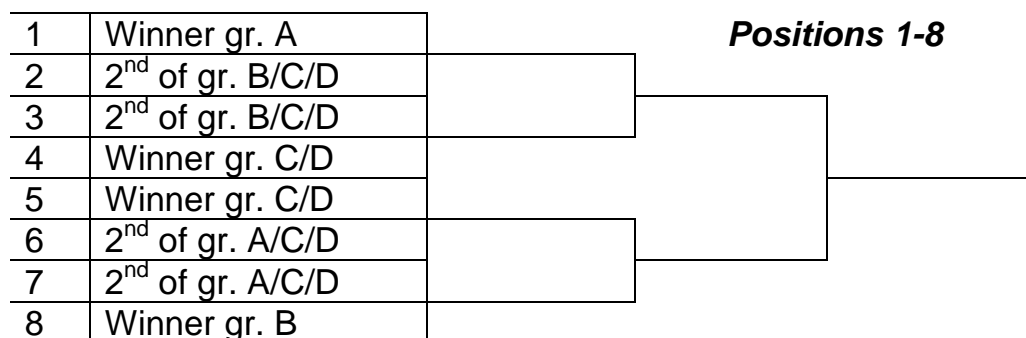
CT.11.1. Championships Division:

CT.11.1.1 The qualified teams are entitled to play for positions 1 – 16 of the championships

CT.11.1.2 There will be 4 groups of 4 teams each. Every group shall play a complete round robin in stage 1 (3 matches per team). The seeding list will be provided by the Ranking Committee. The draw will be conducted by placing the top 4 teams as No. 1 in groups A, B, C and D respectively, followed by drawing the remaining teams 4 by 4 into the 4 groups.

CT.11.1.3 In stage 2 the progressive knockout system will be used in order to determine the final position for every team, with the exception of a match for position 3 and 4. The top 2 teams from every group in stage 1 move to the quarterfinals, teams finishing 3 and 4 play for positions 9 to 16 (see diagram, which also shows the method for seeding and drawing).

The winner of group A goes to position 1, the winner of group B goes to position 8, the winners of group C and D shall be drawn between positions 4 and 5. The teams finishing in position 2 of the first stage groups shall be drawn by lot into the remaining places but in the opposite half to the winners of their initial groups. The teams finishing in position 3 of the first stage groups shall be drawn by lot between positions 1, 4, 5 and 8. The teams finishing in position 4 of the first stage groups shall be drawn by lot into the remaining places but in the opposite half to the teams ranked in position 3 of their initial groups.



- CT.11.1.4 Draw for the second stage will be conducted by the Referee in close cooperation with the ETTU Competition Manager and the Chairs of the Technical and Ranking Committees.
- CT.11.1.5 The winner of the second stage is the European Champion.

CT.11.2 Challenge Division:

- CT.11.2.1 The qualified teams are entitled to play for positions 17 to 32 of the championships.
- CT.11.2.2 There will be 4 groups with 4 teams each. Every group shall play a complete round robin in stage 1 (3 matches per team). The seeding list will be provided by the Ranking Committee. The draw will be conducted by placing the top 4 teams as No. 1 in group E, F, G and H respectively, followed by drawing the remaining teams 2 by 2 according to the snake system into the 4 groups.
- CT.11.2.3 In stage 2 the progressive knockout system will be used in order to determine the final position for every team. The top 2 teams from every group in stage 1 play for positions 17 to 24, teams finishing 3 and 4 play for positions 25 to 32 (see diagram, which also shows the method for seeding and drawing).

The winner of group E goes to position 1, the winner of group F goes to position 8, the winners of group G and H shall be drawn between positions 4 and 5. The teams finishing in position 2 of the first stage groups shall be drawn by lot into the remaining places but in the opposite half to the winners of their initial groups. The teams finishing in position 3 of the first stage groups shall be drawn by lot between positions 1, 4, 5 and 8. The teams finishing in position 4 of the first stage groups shall be drawn by lot into the remaining places but in the opposite half to the teams ranked in position 3 of their initial groups.

1	Winner gr. E		Positions 17-24
2	2 nd of gr. F/G/H		
3	2 nd of gr. F/G/H		
4	Winner gr. G/H		
5	Winner gr. G/H		
6	2 nd of gr. E/G/H		
7	2 nd of gr. E/G/H		
8	Winner gr. F		

1	3 rd of gr. E/F/G/H		Positions 25-32
2	4 th of gr. E/F/G/H		
3	4 th of gr. E/F/G/H		
4	3 rd of gr. E/F/G/H		
5	3 rd of gr. E/F/G/H		
6	4 th of gr. E/F/G/H		
7	4 th of gr. E/F/G/H		
8	3 rd of gr. E/F/G/H		

CT.11.2.4 Draw for the second stage will be conducted by the Referee in close cooperation with the ETTU Competition Manager and the Chairs of the Technical and Ranking Committees.

CT.11.2.5 The winner of the second stage is the winner of the European Championships – Challenge Division.

CT.11.3 Standard Division

CT.11.3.1 The qualified teams are entitled to play for the remaining positions in the championships.

CT.11.3.2 Depending on the number of entries the playing format will be developed by the Secretary General and approved by the ETTU Executive Board.

CT.11.3.3 Seeding and drawing for both stages will be conducted by using the same principles as for the Championships and Challenge Divisions.

CT.11.3.4 The winner of the draw is the winner of the European Championships – Standard Division.

CT.11.4 Match Procedure

CT.11.4.1 A men's or women's team shall consist of maximum 4 players.

CT.11.4.2 Each team shall appoint a playing or non-playing captain or a responsible deputy, who shall be present throughout a match.

CT.11.4.3 A match shall consist of up to 5 singles and shall be played on 1 table.

CT.11.4.4 One team is considered to be composed of the players A1, A2, A3, and the other team is considered to be composed of the players B1, B2, B3.

The order of play in a team match shall be A1 v B2, A2 v B1, A3 v B3, A1 v B1, A2 v B2, and the match shall end when a team has won 3 singles, each the best of 5 games.

CT.11.4.5 Before the match the captains shall decide by lot the right to choose A1-A2-A3 or B1-B2-B3 and shall nominate their players to the referee or his representative, assigning a letter to each player. After the second single in a team match, player N°4 of the team may replace player A1 or A2 (for the home team) respectively player B1 or B2 (for the away team). Such a player substitution must be announced by the respective team captain to the Referee at the latest before the start of the third singles match.

CT.11.5 Default

CT.11.5.1 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 by the ETTU Executive Board.

CT.11.5.2 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.

CT.11.5.3 An Association whose team begins to play in the team 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.

CT.12 TROPHIES AND AWARDS

CT.12.1 Trophies for the winners of team events shall be presented, as follows:

CT.12.1.1 Men's Team

CT.12.1.2 Women's Team

CT.12.2 The organising Association shall provide new trophies, medals and plaques.

CT.12.3 Trophies, medals and plaques shall be presented by representatives of the ETTU and of the organising Association to the members including non-playing captains, of teams finishing 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th in team events Championships Division, to the 1st and 2nd in team events Challenge and Standard Divisions.

CT.13 FLAGS AND ANTHEMS

CT.13.1 At award ceremonies the national flags of winners, runners-up and losing semi-finalists of team events shall be raised and the national anthems of the winners of those events in Championships Divisions shall be played.

CT.14 REFEREES AND UMPIRES

CT.14.1 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 two days before the start of the event.

CT.14.2 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 member 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. No later than three months before the event, the ETTU shall inform the Associations about the selections and post the list onto the ETTU

website. For all matches during the championships the umpires shall be from Associations other than those of the players in the match.

CT.14.3 All invited foreign officials shall receive from the organising Association a daily allowance in accordance with ITTF Directives for Match Officials.

CT.15 PROGRAMME

CT.15.1 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.

CT.16 FACILITIES

CT.16.1 The organising Association shall ensure free access to any part of the playing hall for all the players, officials and persons mentioned in C.8.3.1 and shall provide them with preferential seats throughout the championships.

CT.16.2 During the period of the championships the organising Association shall make available to the ETTU rooms and facilities for the Congress and committee meetings.

CT.16.3 During the championships an area with seats shall be specifically allocated to team doctors and/or physiotherapists close to the playing area.

CT.16.4 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.

CT.17 DOPING CONTROL

CT.17.1 Doping control shall be carried out in accordance with ITTF Anti-Doping rules.

CT.18 ELECTRONIC TOURNAMENT SYSTEM

CT.18.1 An ETTU approved electronic tournament system must be used for all European Championships.
