

CTQ EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS QUALIFICATION (Team Events)

CTQ.1 ORGANISATION

- CTQ.1.1 The Qualification shall be played over a period of 2 years and shall be conducted by the Secretary General who shall have the right to change the dates of matches whenever needed. On the basis of a duly motivated request from a member Association the Executive Board has the authority to change the venue of matches to a location situated on the territory of another member Association.
- CTQ.1.2 There will be a Men's event and a Women's event, both divided into 2 Qualification Divisions:
- Championships Qualification Division
 - Challenge Qualification Division
- CTQ.1.3 The Championships Qualification Division shall be composed of 30 teams, the 29 highest ranked 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.
- CTQ.1.4 The Challenge Qualification Division shall be composed of all remaining teams; 1 team will qualify for the European Championships (Team events) Challenge Division.
- CTQ.1.5 The composition of these 2 divisions shall be announced no later than 2 months after the previous European Championships (Team events).
- CTQ.1.6 Teams not taking part in the Qualification will be drawn into the Standard Division of the European Championships (Team events).

CTQ.2 RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS

- CTQ.2.1 The ETTU holds the following rights for every team match within the European Championships Qualification:
- CTQ.2.1.1 The International TV rights.
- CTQ.2.1.2 The rights for Internet TV and Internet Live Streaming.
- CTQ.2.1.3 The rights for Data and Scoring.
- CTQ.2.1.4 Whenever requested by the ETTU, each Association participating in the Qualification has to provide necessary conditions and staff for electronic transmission of each home match by a "live-ticker" system made available by the ETTU.
The LSS service may also be provided by the home Association using other than the ETTU's tools, but only after previous authorization by the ETTU. In any case, additional services must not replace those provided by the ETTU website. All relevant technical details are stated in the Directives.
- CTQ.2.1.5 The exclusive right to appoint a title sponsor – plus providing advertising exposure to the title sponsor at every Qualification match. Participating Associations have to ensure that there will be no conflict of interest between their own sponsors and the title sponsor. If these sponsors belong to the same product area, the name or logo of the home Association's sponsor must not be exposed on the surrounds at any Qualification matches. The home Association must always, in any publication under their responsibility regarding the Qualification, use the correct denomination of the

title sponsor. An Association failing to do this shall be fined by the Executive Board and shall be made liable for the payment of all undisputed damages claimed by the title sponsor.

CTQ.2.1.6 The right to appoint an official ball sponsor and supplier.

The Secretary General shall notify all participating Associations not later than 3 months before the start of the Qualification regarding the scope of such contract. An Association failing to use the adopted ball shall be subject to a penalty imposed by the Executive Board.

CTQ.2.2 Equipment rights (except the adopted ball), domestic TV rights, advertising rights other than those mentioned under 2.1 as well as gate receipts belong to the home Association of each match.

CTQ.3 QUALIFICATION

CTQ.3.1 Each member Association whose subscriptions are not in arrears may enter 1 team in the Men's and/or 1 team in the Women's Qualification.

CTQ.3.2 All players shall be eligible to represent their Associations in accordance with the provisions of article B.10.

CTQ.4 ENTRY FEES

CTQ.4.1 The entry fees shall be 1000 € for a team in the Championships Qualification Division or the Challenge Qualification Division.

CTQ.5 FIXTURES – CHAMPIONSHIPS QUALIFICATION DIVISION

CTQ.5.1 Home Associations shall notify the Secretary General and the visiting Associations of the venues of matches no later than 6 weeks before the dates of matches. Home Associations shall inform at the same time the visiting Association of the brands and colours of tables, nets and balls which will be used in the match concerned.

CTQ.5.2 A home Association which fails to notify the Secretary General of the venue of the match 6 weeks before the scheduled date may be subject to a fine of 250 €.

CTQ.6 HOSPITALITY AND TRANSPORT

CTQ.6.1 In the Championships Qualification Division the home Association shall, to the best of their abilities, assist the visiting Association to arrange hospitality close to the venue of the match.

CTQ.6.1.1 The visiting Association shall pay for its hospitality except that the home Association shall provide and pay for lunch and dinner on the date of the match.

CTQ.6.1.2 The ETTU appointed Referee shall receive free hospitality for 1 or 2 days, depending on the possible travel arrangements.

CTQ.6.2 In the Challenge Qualification Division, the detailed hospitality arrangements will depend on the number of entries and shall be published by the Secretary General.

CTQ.6.3 In all divisions the visiting Associations shall pay their own travel expenses, in case of travelling by air or rail to the nearest international airport or international railway station to the venue. Return transport between airport or railway station and the venue is the responsibility of the home Association. Local transport to and from the venue of the match is also the responsibility of the home Association.

CTQ.7 SYSTEM OF PLAY

CTQ.7.1 **Championships Qualification Division:**

CTQ.7.1.1 The Championships Qualification Division shall be composed of

30 teams.

CTQ.7.1.2 Teams shall be drawn into 10 groups of 3 teams according to the final positions at the preceding European Championships (Team events). There shall be 3 draw pots, each containing 10 teams: pot A 1 to 10, pot B 11 to 20, pot C 21 to 29 and 33 (Standard Division winner). The order of substitutes according to the final positions shall be 30, 31, 32, 34, 35 etc.

CTQ.7.1.3 In each group teams will play each other in 2 matches (home and away) in order to determine a final ranking order for each group.

CTQ.7.1.4 The order of play will be as follows:1-3, 2-1, 3-2, 3-1, 1-2, 2-3.

CTQ.7.1.5 10 group winners will qualify for the Championships Division. 10 group 3rds will qualify for the Challenge Division.

CTQ.7.1.6 10 group 2nds will be drawn into 5 play-off matches (playing each other home and away). 5 play-off winners will qualify for the Championships Division. 5 play-off losers will qualify for the Challenge Division.

CTQ.7.2 **Challenge Qualification Division:**

CTQ.7.2.1 The detailed system of play will depend on the number of entries and shall be published by the Secretary General.

CTQ.7.2.2 A round robin group tournament may be arranged.

CTQ.7.2.3 The venue shall be determined by the Executive Board.

CTQ.7.3 **European Championships (Team events) host Association**

If the host Association wishes to play in the Challenge Division or if the host Association has not been decided, the Executive Board will decide, before the play-off matches, the system to determine which of the 5 play-off losers will qualify for the Championships Division.

CTQ.7.4 **Match Procedure**

CTQ.7.4.1 A team shall consist of maximum 4 players.

CTQ.7.4.2 A match shall consist of up to 5 singles and shall be played on 1 table.

CTQ.7.4.3 In all matches (except those played in a round robin tournament, where the captains shall decide by lot the right to choose A1, A2, A3 or B1, B2, B3) the home team shall be A1,A2, A3 and the visiting team B1, B2, B3. After the second singles in a team match, player N° 4 may replace player A1 or player A2 (home team) or player B1 or B2 (away team). Such a substitution of a player must be announced by the respective team captain to the referee at the latest before the start of the third singles match.

CTQ.7.4.4 The order of play shall be A1 v B2, A2 v B1, A3 v B3, A1 v B1, A2 v B2 and the team match shall end when one team has won 3 individual matches, each the best of 5 games.

There shall be an interval of not more than 15 minutes after the second match.

CTQ.7.4.5 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.

CTQ.7.4.6 If a team fails to play a team match the other team shall be considered to have won the match 3-0, with a games score of 9-0 and a point score of 99-0.

CTQ.7.4.7 Teams shall gain 2 match points for a win, 1 for a loss in a played match and 0 for a loss in an unplayed or unfinished match.

CTQ.7.4.8 A team which fails to fulfil or complete a fixture may be fined up to 3,000 € by the Executive Board.

CTQ.8 DRESS/COLOURS

CTQ.8.1 The home Association shall notify the visiting Association of the colours of its playing clothing no later than 14 days before the date of the match and the visiting team shall wear different colours. If the home Association fails to do so and the colours are not sufficiently different, the home Association shall change.

CTQ.8.2 In the Challenge Qualification Division, where opposing teams have a similar shirt and cannot agree which of them will change, the decision shall be made by the umpire by lot.'

CTQ.9 REFEREES AND UMPIRES

CTQ.9.1 For the Championships Qualification Division matches the Secretary General, after consulting the Umpires and Referees Committee, shall arrange for a neutral International Umpire to fulfil the duties of the Referee. The home Association shall provide umpires to perform the duties of umpire and assistant umpire.

CTQ.9.2 The neutral International Umpire appointed by the ETTU shall receive from the home Association a daily allowance in accordance with ITTF Directives for Match Officials; the travel expenses shall be reimbursed by the home Association. ETTU shall reimburse the home Association 50% of the neutral International Umpire's travel expenses.

CTQ.9.3 For the Challenge Qualification Division matches, arranged as a round robin group tournament, the Secretary General shall, after consulting the Umpires and Referees Committee, arrange for a neutral International Umpire to fulfil the duties of the Referee and shall in addition appoint 2 neutral International Umpires. The home Association shall provide additional umpires. The 3 neutral International Umpires appointed by the ETTU shall receive from the home Association a daily allowance in accordance with ITTF Directives for Match Officials; the travel expenses shall be reimbursed by the home Association. ETTU shall reimburse the home Association 50% of the neutral International Umpire's travel expenses

CTQ.9.4 Immediately after a match the Referee shall complete an official report form and send it to the Secretary General by email.

CTQ.10 RESULTS

CTQ.10.1 Immediately after a match the home Association shall send a copy of the results sheet by email to the ETTU Secretariat as well as to the ETTU Press Officer.

CTQ.10.2 An Association failing to report results as specified shall be liable to a fine of 250 €.

CTQ.11 PROTESTS AND APPEALS

CTQ.11.1 An Association wishing to protest about any aspect of a match shall deposit its protest before the match or immediately after the irregularity occurred to the Referee of the match, who must confirm the receipt of the protest. The protesting Association has to send the protest immediately after the match by

email to the ETTU Secretariat. A protest not sent latest the day after the match will not be accepted. The Board of Justice shall decide on the protest within 8 days.

CTQ.11.2 At the time of making a protest an Association shall send to the ETTU bank account a fee of 1,000 €, which will be refunded if the protest is upheld.

CTQ.11.3 Any appeal against a decision on the protest shall similarly be made within 8 days of notification of the decision and must be addressed to the ETTU Secretariat. The Board of Appeal shall decide on the appeal within 8 days.

CTQ.11.4 At the time of making an appeal an Association shall send to the ETTU bank account a fee of 1,000 €, which will be refunded if the protest or appeal is upheld.

CTQ.12 PLAYING CONDITIONS

CTQ.12.1 The playing space shall not be less than 18m long, 9m wide and 5m high for all matches in the Championships Qualification Division; in the Challenge Qualification Division the playing space shall not be less than 14m long, 7m wide and 5m high.

CTQ.12.2 The minimum temperature in the hall shall not be less than 18°C.

CTQ.12.3 The light intensity at the table shall not be less than 1,000 LUX.

CTQ.12.4 In the Championships Qualification Division all matches shall be played on an ITTF approved floor.
