

INFO 2019/3

Luxembourg, 21st May 2019

1. FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

In INFO 2019-2 I asked your attention for the discussions in Bucharest during the 2019 EU Sport Forum, which showed that there is something like a European sports model. Europe still has an important role to play, also in the development of our sport. In constant dialogue with our friends in ITTF, we are trying to secure Europe's unique position, with a sports structure that is predominantly based on the hard work of our many voluntary and professional clubs supported by 58 national associations. This dialogue is not always easy, given the responsibility and ambitions of the ITTF's Executive Committee and its management. The new system for the World Championships, the ever growing world table tennis events calendar, the present world ranking list, the support we receive from ITTF for development and for our commercial investments, are of course all based on the global strategy and ambitions of ITTF. May ITTF on global level be commercially successful, at the same time we in Europe have to beware that, while building our future together with ITTF, we do not forget our European sports heritage. ETTU should in these discussions of course always look forward and show solidarity with other Continents. But we should also be proud of and actively communicate what European table tennis has delivered in the past and is continuing to deliver at this moment and will continue to deliver in the future. I am not saying that we have organised our sport in Europe in the most optimum way, nor that ETTU is a perfect organisation. Many aspects of our work at national and European level still need improvement, most preferably with continued support of a successful ITTF. However the effects of ITTF's global policies and activities on European table tennis need more consideration and attention than they currently seem to be getting. The successes of Europe's top players and teams (!) and the development programs in Europe show that we are on the right track. I think we can state that table tennis needs a strong ITTF, but at the same time ITTF needs a strong Europe.



I wish all players, coaches and officials successful European Games next month in the Belarus capital of Minsk.

Kindest regards,



Ronald Kramer



02. 2019 ETTU ORDINARY CONGRESS – NANTES

- Please note the 2019 ETTU Ordinary Congress will be held in Nantes FRA on Wednesday 4th September 2019 (09:30) during the LIEBHERR 2019 ITTF European Team Championships Final Stage.
- Propositions for the Agenda must be received by the ETTU Secretariat (office@ettu.org and rcsettu@pt.lu) not later than **Wednesday 12th June 2019**.
- Notice of the Congress venue and Agenda will be sent to all member Associations not later than Thursday 1st August 2019.

03. FUTURE ETTU EVENTS – 2021, 2022, 2023

REMINDER

- The ETTU Executive Board will be pleased to receive applications from Associations wishing to host the Europe Top 16 Cup for 3 consecutive years (2021, 2022, 2023) at one city, one venue.

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- Associations are kindly requested to send their initial applications to the ETTU Secretariat (office@ettu.org and rcsettu@pt.lu) to arrive not later than **Friday 31st May 2019**.

04. EUROPEAN CLUB COMPETITIONS

- Congratulations to the 2018-2019 winners:
Table Tennis Champions League Men – Fakel-Gazprom Orenburg (RUS)
European Champions League Women – KTS Ena Siarka Tarnobrzeg (POL)
ETTU Cup Men – G.V. Hennebont T.T. (FRA)
ETTU Cup Women – UCAM Cartagena TM (ESP)

- **Reminder:** please note the deadline for entries for both men and women season 2019-2020 is **Friday 31st May 2019** at 1200 CEST. Entry forms are to be sent to registration@ettu.org.

05. 2019 STAG EUROPEAN YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

- The prospectus for the 2019 STAG European Youth Championships, to be held in the city of Ostrava CZE from Sunday 7th to Tuesday 16th July 2019, has been published online.
- **Reminder:** please note the deadline for online entries is **Monday 27th May 2019**.
- The draw for the team events will take place on Wednesday 5th June 2019 in Brussels BEL.

06. 2019 ITTF EUROPEAN TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS FINAL STAGE

- The Final Stage will be played Tuesday 3rd to Sunday 8th September 2019 at Salle Sportive Métropolitaine, Nantes FRA.
- Men's teams: AUT, BEL, BLR, CRO, CZE, DEN, ENG, ESP, FRA, GER, GRE, HUN, LUX, NED, POL, POR, ROU, RUS, SLO, SRB, SVK, SWE, TUR, UKR.
- Women's teams: AUT, BEL, BLR, BUL, CRO, CZE, ESP, FRA, GER, GRE, HUN, ITA, LUX, NED, POL, POR, ROU, RUS, SLO, SRB, SVK, SWE, TUR, UKR.
- 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.
- The draw will take place on Friday 19th July 2019, commencing at 18:00 CET, at Credit Mutuel LACO in Nantes FRA.



07. 2020 EUROPEAN UNDER 21 CHAMPIONSHIPS

· The Executive Board has awarded the 2020 European Under 21 Championships to the Croatian Table Tennis Association, to be held in the city of Varaždin.

08. 2020 EUROPEAN OLYMPIC SINGLES QUALIFICATION

· The Executive Board has awarded the 2020 European Olympic Singles Qualification to the Table Tennis Federation of Russia, to be held in the city of Moscow.

09. 2021 EUROPEAN YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

· The Executive Board has awarded the 2021 European Youth Championships to the Serbian Table Tennis Association, to be held in the city of Novi Sad.

10. 2021 ITTF EUROPEAN TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS FINAL STAGE

· The Executive Board has awarded the 2021 European Team Championships Final Stage to the Romanian Table Tennis Federation, to be held in the city of Cluj-Napoca.

11. 2nd EUROPEAN GAMES MINSK 2019

· Please note the following important points concerning the team events (Men's Team, Women's Team):

· Team ranking lists - a special team ranking list taking into consideration only the players qualified from each team will be produced on 5th June 2019 (taking the individual RL 6/19 as a basis) to establish the seeds for the team events.

· Table Tennis technical meetings - in addition to the Team Leaders technical meeting on Friday 21st June, additional technical meetings for the 19 National Olympic Committees participating in the team events will be held prior to each round, as follows

Wednesday 26th June, 20:30 (after Singles medal ceremonies),

Thursday 27th June, 13:30 (after Women's Team round 1 and before Women's Team Quarter Final),

Thursday 27th June, 16:30 (after Men's Team round 1 and before Men's Team Quarter Final),

Thursday 27th June, 22:10 (after Women's Team and Men's Team Quarter Finals),

Friday 28th June, 22:10 (after Women's Team and Men's Team Semi Finals).

These additional meetings will enable the Late Athlete Replacement (LAR) Policy to be implemented, if necessary, for medical replacement of team event athletes. Replacement of athletes due to medical reasons is possible up to 2 hours prior to the Table Tennis technical meetings subject to 3 provisions. Details of the LAR policy are shown on pages 16 to 18 of the Table Tennis Team Leaders' Technical Manual.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the ETTU secretariat.

12. ETTU CONSTITUTION

· **Reminder:** Associations are invited to send comments and remarks on the draft ETTU Constitution to the Constitutional Review working group chair Arne Madsen (arne.madsen@dbtu.dk) not later than **Friday 31st May 2019**.

Best wishes from the ETTU Secretariat



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