

1. PARTIES INVOLVED

ETTU – European Table Tennis Union, Secretary General (SG), Competition Manager (CM), Marketing Manager (MM) and Youth Committee (YC)

The participating Associations - Member Associations of the ETTU

The Organising Association - Member Association of ETTU represented during the Event by an Event Manager or Tournament Director, to be appointed by the Organising Association

2. ELIGIBILITY

The Europe Youth Series shall be open for entry to all Member Associations of the ETTU whose subscriptions are not in arrears. All players must be eligible to represent their Associations following the provisions of article ETTU Regulation B.1.2. of the ETTU Handbook.

3. AGE CATEGORIES

The Europe Youth Series will consist of the following age categories:

- U15 girls (born 01.01.2008. and younger)
- U15 boys (born 01.01.2008. and younger)
- U13 girls (born 01.01.2010. and younger)
- U13 boys (born 01.01.2010. and younger)

4. EVENTS

4.1 Mandatory events are :

Team Events	Singles Events
U15 Mixed Teams	U15 Girls Singles
U13 Mixed Teams	U15 Boys Singles
or	U13 Girls Singles
U15 Girls Teams	U13 Boys Singles
U15 Boys Teams	
U13 Girls Teams	
U13 Boys Teams	

4.2 Optional events are:

Doubles Events
U15 Mixed Doubles
U13 Mixed Doubles
or
U15 Girls Doubles
U15 Boys Doubles
U13 Girls Doubles
U13 Boys Doubles

5. COMPETITION SCHEDULE

5.1. FOUR DAYS EVENT

- Day 1: Teams Events - Qualification Stage
- Day 2: Teams Events - A Final Draw and B Final Draw
- Day 3: Singles Events - Qualification Stage
Team Events - Final Matches
- Day 4: Singles Events - A Final Draw and B Final Draw

5.2. FIVE DAYS EVENT

- Day 1: Teams Events - Qualification Stage
- Day 2: Teams Events - A Final Draw and B Final Draw
- Day 3: Singles Events - Qualification Stage
Team Events - Final Matches
Doubles Events : Main Draw
- Day 4: Singles Events - A Final Draw and B Final Draw
Doubles Events : Main Draw
- Day 4: Singles Events - A Final - Final Stage
Doubles Events : Main Draw

6. PLAYING FORMAT

6.1. MIXED TEAM

- Qualification Stage: Groups with 3 or 4 teams (Round Robin)
- Teams Advancing to A Final Draw : 1 team with possibility if schedule allows that two teams will advance to A Final Draw
- Teams who will not advance to A Final Draw will continue participation in B final Draw
- A Final Draw: direct KO
- B Final Draw: direct KO

Mixed Teams Composition:

In each match, 2 boys and 2 girls can be nominated by the team captain. A third or fourth player from the team can't play in that specific match.

In exceptional circumstances Competition Manager of the event can allow players from the different associations playing in the same team, with condition that in the same team can't be players from more than two Associations

6.1.1. PLAYING SYSTEM QUALIFICATION STAGE:

Team composition : Each team consists of 2 boys and 2 girls

Match Order	Team A	vs	Team B	NOTE
Match 1	XD	vs	XD	no restriction
Match 2	A1 Girl	vs	B1 Girl	players not playing XD
Match 3	A1 Boy	vs	B1 Boy	players not playing XD
Match 4	A2 Girl	vs	B2 Girl	players playing XD match
Match 5	A2 Boy	vs	B2 Boy	players playing XD match

All five matches will be played. Result of the team match can be 5:0, 4:1, 3:2.

5:0 win	5 points
4:1 win	4 points
3:2 win	3 points
2:3 loss	2 points
1:4 loss	1 point
0:5 loss	0 points

For the group stage matches

6.1.2. PLAYING SYSTEM A-FINAL:

Match Order	Team A	vs	Team B	NOTE
Match 1	XD	vs	XD	no restriction
Match 2	A1 Girl	vs	B2 Girl	table 1
Match 3	A1 Boy	vs	B2 Boy	table 2
Match 4	A2 Girl	vs	B1 Girl	table 1
Match 5	A2 Boy	vs	B1 Boy	table 2
Match 6	A1 Girl	vs	B1 Girl	table 1 - eventually
Match 7	A1 Boy	vs	B1 Boy	table 2 - eventually
Match 8	A2 Girl	vs	B2 Girl	table 1 - eventually
Match 9	A2 Boy	vs	B2 Boy	table 2 - eventually

Match should be played **BEST OF NINE MATCHES**

Match will be played on two tables

6.1.3. PLAYING SYSTEM B-FINAL:

The same as in Qualification Stage. The only difference is that match should be played **BEST OF FIVE MATCHES**.

Match Order	Team A	vs	Team B	NOTE
Match 1	XD	vs	XD	no restriction
Match 2	A1 Girl	vs	B1 Girl	players not playing XD
Match 3	A1 Boy	vs	B1 Boy	players not playing XD
Match 4	A2 Girl	vs	B2 Girl	players playing XD match
Match 5	A2 Boy	vs	B2 Boy	players playing XD match

6.2. BOYS AND GIRLS TEAMS

Qualification Stage: Groups with 3 or 4 teams (Round Robin)

Teams Advancing to A Final Draw : 1 team with possibility if schedule allows that two teams will advance to A Final Draw

Teams who will not advance to A Final Draw will continue participation in B final Draw

A Final Draw: direct KO

B Final Draw: direct KO

6.2.1. PLAYING SYSTEM - QUALIFICATION STAGE

Match Order	Team A	vs	Team B	NOTE
Match 1	A1	vs	B2	
Match 2	A2	vs	B1	
Match 3	doubles	vs	doubles	can play A1/A2/A3/A4 vs B1/B2B3/B4

Three matches will be played. The result of the match can be 3:0 or 2:1.

3:0 win	3 points	for group stage matches
2:1 win	2 points	
1:2 loss	1 point	
0:3 loss	0 points	

6.2.2. PLAYING SYSTEM - A FINAL DRAW

Match Order	Team A	vs	Team B	NOTE
Match 1	A1	vs	B2	
Match 2	A2	vs	B1	
Match 3	double	vs	double	can play A1/A2/A3/A4 vs B1/B2B3/B4
Match 4	A1	vs	B1	1 substitution per team is allowed
Match 5	A2	vs	B2	

Match should be played **BEST OF THREE MATCHES**.

In each match, 2 boys and 2 girls can be nominated by the team captain. A third or fourth player or both can play in doubles. After the third match, the team captain can change one player (for the fourth/fifth match).

6.2.3. PLAYING SYSTEM - B FINAL DRAW

Depending on schedule, The Competition Manager will chose which playing system will be used in the B final draw. The two options are :

- qualification stage playing system (all three matches should be played)
- A finals playing system (best of five matches)

In exceptional circumstances, the Competition Manager of the event can allow players from the different associations to play in the same team, with the condition that the same team can't be players from more than two Associations.

6.3. BOYS AND GIRLS SINGLES

Qualification Stage: Groups with 3 or 4 teams (Round Robin)

Players Advancing to A Final Draw : 2 players from each group

3rd and 4th player from each group will continue participation in B Final Draw

A Final Draw: direct KO

B Final Draw: direct KO

All matches in singles events should be played **BEST OF FIVE GAMES**

6.4. ALL DOUBLES EVENTS

There will be only Main Draw for all doubles events (Direct KO)

All matches in doubles events should be played **BEST OF FIVE GAMES**

7. ENTRIES

7.1.1. NUMBER OF GUARANTEED TEAMS/PLAYERS PER EVENT

Number of guaranteed teams per event per association:	2
Number of guaranteed mixed teams per event per association:	2
Number of guaranteed players per event per association:	4
Number of guaranteed doubles per event per association:	2
Number of guaranteed teams per event per host association:	3
Number of guaranteed mixed teams per event per host association:	3
Number of guaranteed players per event per host association:	8
Number of guaranteed doubles per event per host association:	4

In the Online Entry System, Associations can enter more players/teams than is guaranteed.

After the Entry Deadline, the Competition Manager, if schedule allows, can setup the New Entry Limit, which is higher than the guaranteed one.

Latest three days after the Entry Deadline, the Competition Manager must inform Associations about the new Entry Limit and accept all players/teams up to that limit.

7.1.2. ENTRIES INFORMATIONS

ETTU Online Entry System will be used.

The Entry Deadline will be one month before the tournament starts.

Entry modifications will be possible until 48 hours before the tournament starts.

Associations will be able to edit the entries until the Entry Deadline. All entry modifications must be communicated with ETTU Competition Manager through the e-mail.

8. MAXIMUM NUMBER OF ENTRIES

The maximum number of entries depends on maximum number of tables for specific event.

The minimum number of tables organizers need to provide is 12, but 16 tables is a strong recommendation by ETTU.

The following number of entries will be accepted:

	TEAMS	MIXED TEAMS	SINGLES ENTRIES
12 tables	88	40	176
14 tables	100	48	200
16 tables	112	56	224
18 tables	124	64	248
20 tables	136	72	272

9. DRAWS

The Draw for the Qualification Stage of the Team Events will be conducted one day before the event commences, before the Jury meeting with Team Delegates.

The Draw for the A and B finals in Team Events will be conducted immediately after the qualification stage.

The Draw for Qualification Stage in Individual Events will be conducted one day before the event commences.

The Draw for the A and B finals in Individual Events will be conducted immediately after the qualification stage.

9.1.1. Draws for Qualification Stage / Team events:

Mixed Teams : according to Individual points (ETTU U15 and U13 ranking list will be used) of best two nominated boys and best two nominated girls

Boys and Girls Teams: according to Individual points (ETTU U15 and U13 ranking list will be used) of best two nominated players

Draw Rules: Modified Snake system (preferably four by four)

Draw for Qualification Stage for teams must be public draw.

9.1.2. Draws for Final Stage / Team events:

A final :

Priority 1: If two teams from each group advance to A-final, the winner and runner-up must be drawn in opposite halves

Priority 2: Teams from same associations must be drawn as far as possible

B final:

Priority 1: If two teams from the same group play B-final, teams must be drawn in opposite halves

If three teams are playing from the same group in B-final; the two best teams from the same group must be drawn in opposite halves, and the fourth team can't play in the first round with the opponents from same group

Priority 2: Teams from same associations must be drawn as far as possible

The draw for the Final Stage for teams must be a public draw.

9.1.3. Draws for Qualification Stage / Singles events:

Draw Rules: ordinary snake system according to ETTU U13 and U15 ranking

The Draw will be conducted automatically by ETTU Competiton Manager.

Draws for Final Stage / Singles events:

A final :

Priority 1: winner and runner up from the same group must be drawn in opposite halves

Priority 2: players from same associations must be drawn as far as possible

B final:

Priority 1: winner and runner up from the same group must be drawn in opposite halves

Priority 2: players from same associations must be drawn as far as possible

The Draw for the Final Stage for singles must be a public draw.

9.1.4. Draws for doubles events:

Seeding List : According to Individual points of players from U15 and U13 ETTU ranking

Doubles from same association must be drawn as far as possible.

If double consists of players from two associations: that pair must be drawn as far as possible from doubles of both associations

The Draw for the Doubles Events must be a public draw.

In the Tournament Prospectus will be announced which Ranking List will be used for that specific event.

10. ETTU RANKING FOR U-13 and U15

The ETTU ranking for U15 and U13 will be available in 2023 as an experimental ranking system.

The seeding for European Youth Series events will be according to European U13 and U15 ranking

The ETTU ranking system for U13 and U15 will be introduced no later than 15th of December 2022.