



EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

DIRECTIVES

STAGE 2

December 2018

The European Championships, hereinafter referred to as “the Event”, shall be organised according to the ETTU Regulations applicable for the Event i.e. Chapter “CT” of the ETTU Handbook.

In addition to these Regulations, the following requirements must be respected and fulfilled.

1. PARTIES INVOLVED

ETTU – European Table Tennis Union (Secretary General (ETTU/SG),
The ETTU Member Associations, participating in the Event
(The 6 position 3 teams from A groups will proceed to stage 2;
6 Men’s B group winners and 6 Men’s B group runners up will proceed to stage 2;
5 Women’s B group winners and 5 Women’s B group runners up will proceed to stage 2.)

2. PROSPECTUS

The Secretary General and the host Associations will prepare and circulate a Prospectus giving all relevant details.

Matches shall be played according to the agreed ETTU playing schedule, on Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th May 2019, with a maximum of 2 team matches on a day per team.

Matches shall not start earlier than 1000 local time.

3. SYSTEM OF PLAY

Stage 2 format (18 Men’s and 16 Women’s):

There will be 5 Stage 2 Men’s groups (3x4 and 2x3 = 18 teams) and 5 Women’s groups (1x4 and 4x3 = 16 teams), played with a round robin system during the weekend, with the 5 group winners and 5 group runners up proceeding to the final stage of the Championships.

Order of play:

Saturday 18th May am – training

Saturday 18th May 1400 local time – 1 v 3 / 1 v 3 and 2 v 4

Saturday 18th May 1900 local time – 1 v 2 / 1 v 2 and 3 v 4

Sunday 19th May 1100 local time – 2 v 3 / 2 v 3 and 1 v 4

4. SPORT FACILITIES

There shall be a playing hall, with a seating capacity of minimum 500 persons and which is large enough to accommodate for each group of 3 teams, 1 playing court (table); for each group of 4 teams, 2 playing courts of at least 14m x 7m and 5m high. In addition, there shall be as many training tables as playing courts.

The host Association has to put on disposal to their visiting Associations a bench or chairs behind the playing courts for 6 persons. Neither team can have more than 6 persons present.

The lighting level shall be at least 800 LUX over the table. The lighting sources have to be fixed at least 5 m above the floor, vertically above the playing area.

Daylight coming in through windows or other openings or apertures has to be covered.

All matches shall be played on an ITTF approved floor.

Floor advertisements shall comply with ITTF Regulations for International Competitions.

The temperature in all playing areas shall be no less than 18 degrees Celsius.

There shall be sufficient changing rooms of good standard, with enough showers and toilets and preferably with lockers for clothing.

A suitable speaker service shall be provided in the playing hall, during the whole duration of the matches.

5. RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS

The official ball to be used for all matches shall be the Nittaku Premium 40+*** white. All equipment rights (except the adopted Nittaku ball) belong to the host Association.

The host Association must use only playing equipment provided by one or more ETTU Suppliers Pool member companies.

The host Association has to provide necessary conditions and staff for electronic transmission of each match by a live scoring system made available by the ETTU. Instructions will be made available in due time.

6. PRACTICE

Practice (at least 2 hours) shall be arranged for the visiting teams the evening before the matches are to be played as well as during the day of the matches under the same conditions as for the home team.

7. MATCH PROCEDURE

A team shall consist of maximum 4 players.

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

For all group matches the home right shall be decided by lot.

In all matches 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.

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.

8. DRESS/COLOURS

The host Association shall notify the visiting Associations, no later than 14 days before the dates of the matches, of its playing colours and the visiting teams shall wear different colours.

Opposing teams shall wear shirts that are of sufficiently different colours to enable them to be easily distinguished by spectators.

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.

9. REFEREES AND UMPIRES

The ETTU Secretary General, in coordination with the Umpires and Referees Committee, shall arrange for a neutral International Umpire to fulfil the duties of the Referee and shall in addition appoint 2 neutral International Umpires. The host Association shall provide additional umpires.

The ETTU appointed neutral International Umpires shall receive from the host Association free hospitality for 2 days, depending on the possible travel arrangements.

The 3 neutral International Umpires appointed by the ETTU shall receive from the host Association a daily allowance (January 2019: US\$30 or the equivalent Euros) in accordance with ITTF Directives for Match Officials; the travel expenses, agreed in advance by ETTU, (by economy class train or flight, or by car at 30 eurocents per km, and visa costs) shall be reimbursed by the host Association either by bank transfer before the match or latest in cash upon arrival. ETTU shall reimburse the host Association 50% of the neutral International Umpires travel expenses.

Immediately after the matches the Referee shall complete an official report form and send it to the Secretary General by email.

10. HOSPITALITY / ACCOMMODATION / TRANSPORTATION

The host Association shall propose to the visiting Associations a hotel of good standard (minimum 3 stars) and inform them about the room rates and the hotel's website link. If the visiting Associations do not agree on the proposal, the visiting Associations are free to choose another hotel. Booking and payment of the hotel is the obligation of the visiting Associations. The transport from and to the nearest international airport or from and to the nearest international railway station to the hotel and to the playing hall and back must be provided free of charge by the host Association. If the visiting Associations choose another hotel than the one proposed by the host Association, transportation must be only taken over by the host Association if the distance to the playing hall is not more than 10 km further away than the proposed hotel from the playing hall.

Lunch and dinner must be provided free of charge by the host Association on the days when matches are played.

Meal times shall be flexible and co-ordinated with the duration of the matches in order to allow the players to have a meal after the matches.

The maximum number of persons of the visiting Associations entitled for free transportation and meals as written above shall be 6 persons.

11. RESULTS

Immediately after the matches the host Association shall send copies of the results sheets by email to the ETTU Secretariat (ettu@pt.lu) as well as to the ETTU Press Officer (press@ettu.org).

12. TV AND IPTV RIGHTS

ETTU holds the following rights for every team match within the European Championships:

- The International TV rights
- The exclusive rights for Internet TV and Internet Live Streaming for the matches produced by ETTU's Media Partner (ETTU has given this right to its Media Partner)
- The non-exclusive rights for Internet TV and Internet Live Streaming for the matches produced by the host Association
- The non-exclusive rights for Data and Scoring

Domestic TV rights, advertising rights and gate receipts belong to the host Association of each match. A host Association deciding to produce a TV signal shall also make the signal available free of charges to the ETTU Media Partner (either via European Standard Satellite or online stream).

The host Association may produce an internet livestream for each match and shall provide the signal free of charges to the ETTU Media Partner.

13. PRESS AND MEDIA

All the Associations taking part in the event are kindly invited to cooperate with the ETTU Press Officer (press@ettu.org) and provide with all information concerning their national teams, photographs and any other useful information.

Media persons shall be provided with all necessary services, including special seats near the playing court and direct access to internet.

It is recommended the host Association to issue a programme leaflet.

14. VIP CARE

There shall be a special VIP-room, where drinks and snacks are served to honorary guests, sponsors, suppliers and officials, free of charge.

If requested, the host Association shall provide ETTU with 5 VIP entry tickets free of charge.

15. **FLAGS**

The following flags shall be hoisted in the playing hall

- the flag of the host Association
- the flags of the visiting Associations

16. **PENALTIES**

Associations may be fined for any contravention to the provision of these Directives.
