

ETTU EUROPE TROPHY MEN

2026/27 DIRECTIVES

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

The ETTU Europe Trophy Men, hereinafter referred to as "ETRM", shall be organised according to the ETTU Regulations applicable for the Competition, i.e. Chapter "K" of the ETTU Handbook and according to the ETRM Directives.

Clubs failing to comply with the ETTU Regulations and/or Directives will be fined according to the Penalty Catalogue as laid down in article 25.

ETTU is the sole owner of the Competition and all associated rights, including but not limited to media, commercial, and intellectual property rights, unless otherwise agreed in writing.

The directives may be reviewed and amended in line with the decisions of the ETTU Executive Board to reflect updates to the general organisation and planning of the European men's Club Competitions.

2. PARTIES INVOLVED

- ETTU – European Table Tennis Union, (Competition Director (CD), Secretary General (SG))
- Clubs participating in the Competition
- Club Competition Manager
- Club Competition Official
- ETTU Member Associations
- Title sponsor, if any

The competition shall be conducted by the ETTU Secretary General, whose authority shall include changing dates and venues of matches whenever needed.

3. EUROPEAN CLUB COMPETITION RANKING

For the 2026/27 season, all seedings will be based on the Ranking System (used at the end of the season 2025/26)

3.1. The European Club Competition Ranking is used for the seeding lists in all club competitions.

3.2. Clubs are rewarded with points on 2 levels :

- for the final position at the end of the season (**Final Position Points**)
- for each win against an opponent club (**Victory Points**)

3.2.1. Final Position Points

Final Position Points allocation:	Full	2026/27	2025/26	2024/25
Champions League winner	2000	2000,0	1000,0	500,0
Champions League runner up	1750	1750,0	875,0	437,5
Champions League SF	1500	1500,0	750,0	375,0
Champions League QF	1250	1250,0	625,0	312,5
Champions League R16	800	800,0	400,0	200,0
Europe Cup winner	700	700,0	350,0	175,0
Europe Cup runner-up	800	800,0	400,0	200,0
Europe Cup SF	600	600,0	300,0	150,0
Europe Cup QF	500	500,0	250,0	125,0
Europe Cup R16	400	400,0	200,0	100,0
Europe Cup Group Stage - 3rd in the group (not last)	200	200,0	100,0	50,0
Europe Cup Group Stage - last in the group	125	125,0	62,5	31,3
Europe Trophy Grand Finals winner	250	250,0	125,0	62,5
Europe Trophy Grand Finals runner up	200	200,0	100,0	50,0
Europe Trophy Grand Finals 3rd	150	150,0	75,0	37,5

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Final Position Points allocation:	Full	2026/27	2025/26	2024/25
Europe Trophy Grand Finals 4th	125	125,0	62,5	31,3
Europe Trophy Grand Finals 5th	110	110,0	55,0	27,5
Europe Trophy Grand Finals 6th	105	105,0	52,5	26,3
Europe Trophy Grand Finals 7th	100	100,0	50,0	25,0
Europe Trophy Grand Finals 8th	95	95,0	47,5	23,8
Europe Trophy Grand Finals 9th	90	90,0	45,0	22,5
Europe Trophy Grand Finals 10th	85	85,0	42,5	21,3
Europe Trophy Grand Finals 11th	80	80,0	40,0	20,0
Europe Trophy Grand Finals 12th	75	75,0	37,5	18,8
Europe Trophy Grand Finals participant (no win)	60	60,0	30,0	15,0
Europe Trophy Regional winner	50	50,0	25,0	12,5
Europe Trophy Regional runner up	35	35,0	17,5	8,8
Europe Trophy Regional stage 2 qualifier	25	25,0	12,5	6,3
Europe Trophy Regional stage 1 participant	10	10,0	5,0	2,5

3.2.2. Victory points :

For each win against the opponent club, the winning club will be rewarded with additional points (Victory Points).

Victory Points allocation	Full	2025/26	2024/25	2023/24
Win over an opponent ranked 1st–2nd in the ECR*	150	150,0	75,0	37,5
Win over an opponent ranked 3rd–4th in the ECR*	125	125,0	62,5	31,3
Win over an opponent ranked 5th–8th in the ECR*	100	100,0	50,0	25,0
Win over an opponent ranked 9th–12th in the ECR*	75	75,0	37,5	18,8
Win over an opponent ranked 13th–16th in the ECR*	50	50,0	25,0	12,5
Win over an opponent ranked 17th–24th in the ECR*	25	25,0	12,5	6,3
Win over an opponent ranked 25th–32nd in the ECR*	20	20,0	10,0	5,0
Win over an opponent ranked 33rd–48th in the ECR*	15	15,0	7,5	3,8
Win over an opponent ranked 49th–64th in the ECR*	10	10,0	5,0	2,5
Win over an opponent ranked over 65th position in the ECR*	5	5,0	2,5	1,3
Win over a non-ranked opponent	3	3,0	1,5	0,8

*ECR – standing in the European Club Ranking at the beginning of the season

As of 01. 08. 2026, the monthly ETTU Club Ranking will be calculated and published on the same dates as the MA ETTU Rankings in accordance with the New Ranking System, incorporating all results from the previous two seasons.

This ranking will be used for the Clubs seeding Season 2027/28

Victory Points will be calculated on monthly basis, while Final Position Points will be allocated at the end of each Club Competition Season.

For a non-finished team match, Victory Points will not be awarded.

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4. 2026/27 EUROPEAN MEN'S CLUB COMPETITION STRUCTURE

ETTU CHAMPIONS LEAGUE MEN (ECLM)									
STAGE 1		STAGE 2				FINAL 4			
16 teams		16 TEAMS				4 TEAMS			
Groups	4	R 16	2 legs (Home/Away)			SF	1 leg		
Teams	4 in each group	QF	2 legs (Home/Away)			F	1 leg		
Host :	1 host	R16		QF		SF		F	
GROUP A		R16/1	S1	QF1	W R16/1	SF1	W QF/1	FIN	W SF/1
S9-12			RU A/B/C/D						
S13-16		R16/2	W A/B/C/D	QF2	W R16/2		W QF/2		
S17-20			S5-8						
S21-24		R16/3	S5-8	QF3	W R16/3	SF1	W QF/3	FIN	W SF/2
GROUP B			W A/B/C/D						
S9-12		R16/4	RU A/B/C/D	QF4	W R16/4		W QF/4		
S13-16			S3-4						
S17-20		R16/5	S3-4	QF1	W R16/5	SF1	W QF/1	FIN	W SF/1
S21-24			RU A/B/C/D						
GROUP C		R16/6	W A/B/C/D	QF2	W R16/6		W QF/2		
S9-12			S5-8						
S13-16		R16/7	S5-8	QF3	W R16/7	SF1	W QF/3	FIN	W SF/2
S17-20			W A/B/C/D						
S21-24		R16/8	RU A/B/C/D	QF4	W R16/8		W QF/4		
GROUP D			S2						
S9-12									
S13-16									
S17-20									
S21-24									

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EUROPE CUP MEN											
GROUP STAGE		STAGE 2									
16 teams		16 teams									
Groups	4	R 16			2 legs (Home/Away)						
Teams	4 in each group	QF			2 legs (Home/Away)						
Host :	1 host	SF			2 legs (Home/Away)						
GROUP A		F			2 legs (Home/Away)						
CL - Stage 1 3rd		R16		QF		SF		F			
Seed 25-28		R16/1	CL L/R16	QF1	W R16/1	SF1	W QF1	FINAL	W SF1		
Seed 29-32			ECS1 RU/A								
CL - Stage 1 4th		R16/2	CL L/R16		W R16/2						
GROUP B		ECS1 W/D									
CL - Stage 1 3rd		R16/3	CL L/R16	QF2	W R16/3		SF2			W QF2	W SF2
Seed 25-28			ECS1 RU/B								
Seed 29-32		R16/4	CL L/R16		W R16/4						
CL - Stage 1 4th		ECS1 W/C									
GROUP C		R16/5	CL L/R16	QF3	W R16/5	SF2			W QF3	W SF2	
CL - Stage 1 3rd			ECS1 RU/C								
Seed 25-28		R16/6	CL L/R16		W R16/6						
Seed 29-32			ECS1 W/B								
CL - Stage 1 4th		R16/7	CL L/R16	QF4	W R16/7		SF2		W QF4		W SF2
GROUP D			ECS1 RU/D								
CL - Stage 1 3rd		R16/8	CL L/R16		W R16/8						
Seed 25-28			ECS1 W/A								
Seed 29-32											
CL - Stage 1 4th											

ETTU EUROPE TROPHY REGIONAL STAGE (ETRM)
Regional Events
Playing System and Regions will be decided by ETTU for each region
Eligible participants:
registered teams for Europe Trophy
3rd positioned teams - EECM S1
4th positioned teams - EECM S1

EUROPE TROPHY GRAND FINALS			
8-12 teams will participate - depending on a playing system of Regional Stage			
one host			
Stage 1	Stage 2		
Group Stage	QF	SF	FIN
single round robin	one leg		

* In the case of less teams participating in Stage 1, ETTU may adapt and confirm the Competition Structure at its own discretion.

5. CLUB ELIGIBILITY FOR EUROPE TROPHY MEN

- 5.1. The Europe Trophy shall be open to clubs/teams according to the European Club Competition seeding list (except teams seeded 1–16), based on the clubs' results from the previous three European Club Competition seasons, and to all other clubs/teams under the jurisdiction of any ETTU Member Association.
- 5.2. There is no limit on the number of teams per national Association in the Europe Trophy.

6. REGISTRATION

6.1. Key Dates:

- **Deadline for sending Host Application** Monday, 12.10.2026.
- **Deadline for Club and Player Registration:** Friday, 20.11.2026., 23:59 CET
- **Deadline for verification of clubs and players by the MAs:** Tuesday 24.11.2026., 23:59 CET
- Deadline for clubs to submit team/player details (***) Monday, 15.02.2027., 23:59 CET

6.2. ETTU OERS (Online Entry Registration System) will be used.

6.2.1. Deadline for Club Team and Player Registration:*

By the deadline of 20.11.2026 at 23:59 CEST, clubs need to submit the Application Form to:

- club@ettu.org
- competition@ettu.org
- to corresponding Member Association

In the Application Form, clubs need to enter:

- Region in which they want to participate
- A minimum of six (6) and a maximum of twelve (12) players. Teams are encouraged to register the maximum number allowed, as no late nominations or registrations will be accepted after the registration deadline.

Clubs are entitled to enter:

- Up to 12 players who are eligible to represent an ETTU Member Association
- Up to 12 players who hold a passport issued by an ETTU Member Association but do not represent an ETTU Member Association
- Up to 3 players who do not hold a passport issued by an ETTU Member Association (non-European players)

* Clubs relegated from the Europe Cup that wish to continue competing in the Europe Trophy need only submit a completed Registration Document for the Europe Trophy.

6.2.2. Deadline for verification of clubs and players by the MAs:

By the deadline of 24.11.2026 at 23:59 CEST, the club's MA needs to complete the following in the OERS:

- Enter the club's registration for the 2026/27 season, thereby verifying the club for the 2026/27 season
- Enter the club's player list, thereby verifying the players

6.2.3. Deadline for club/team/player details:

*** **Only for clubs that qualify for the Grand Finals:**

The deadline is 15.02.2027 at 23:59 CEST; clubs need to submit the following information to ETTU:

- club logo
- players photos
- players details
- key persons details
- team photo

6.3. The clubs concerned shall pay the following entry fee into the ETTU bank account within 7 days of receipt of the final seeding list and invoice:

- 250,00 €

6.4. Clubs with any debts stemming from ETTU Club competitions (ECCM) will be unable to participate.

Clubs wishing to participate in the competition will only be accepted if the entry fees are transferred to the ETTU bank account in accordance with Article 6.3.

6.5. Exit possibility

6.5.1. After the publication of the final seeding list per Region, and following the teams' registration deadline, Clubs will have a 24-hour window to withdraw from the competition.

Withdrawals must be communicated to ETTU by email (club@ettu.org) by both the club and its National Association.

6.5.2. After announcing a host for the Grand Finals, Clubs will have a 24-hour window to withdraw from the competition.

6.6. Following the team registration deadline, the clubs and their National Associations will receive the final seeding list of entered teams.

6.7. Following the player registration deadline, the clubs and their National Associations will receive a list of all players entered for each team.

Clubs and National Associations have 24 hours to inform ETTU of any irregularity or mistake. The exact deadline will be set by ETTU.

After this deadline, the player list shall be final, and no additional players can be accepted.

7. PLAYERS ELIGIBILITY

7.1. Only nominated players are entitled to represent their club/team. After deadline for player registration, no additional player can be accepted for a club/team

7.2. A player may represent only one team in ETTU club competitions, from the day before the first round until the day after the last match of the competition.

This means that a player may be registered with more than one team, and in one or more Associations, but may only be registered for ETTU Club Competitions with a single team.

The responsibility for player participation in competitions other than the ETTU Club Competitions remains with the national Associations and the clubs themselves

7.3. A player having signed with a club to play ECCM and refuses to play for that club in ECCM can be suspended for the following ECCM season(s) by ETTU

7.4. In a team match up to 1 **non-European*** player is entitled to play but either the second or the third non-European* player, if given, can be only nominated as "reserve player" for replacing the other non-European* player

7.5. In case a player starts the competition as a **non-European*** player and his nationality changes during the playing season he shall nonetheless continue to be considered as a non-European* player up to the end of the current playing season.

* **A non-European player is a player with a nationality outside ETTU member Associations' countries.**

* **To define player nationality, ETTU will use the nationality as provided by the players' passports.**

8. PLAYING FORMAT

8.1. GENERAL PRINCIPLES

8.1.1. Competition Phases

The 2026/27 ETRM consists of the following two (2) competition phases:

- Stage 1: **Regional Stage**
- Stage 2: **Grand Finals**

8.1.2. Team Match Structure

In all stages of the Competition, team matches shall consist of a maximum of five (5) individual matches.

Match 1:	A1	vs	B2
Match 2:	A2	vs	B1
Match 3:	A3	vs	B3
Match 4:	A1 (A4/A5)	vs	B1 (B4/B5)
Match 5:	A2 (A4/A5)	vs	B2 (B4/B5)

Each individual match shall be played over three (3) games.

Each game won shall count as one (1) game and one (1) point for the team.

8.1.3. Match winner definition

The match winner is the team that wins a higher number of games than its opponent in a team match, irrespective of the stage of the Competition.

The match winner shall be used only for the following purposes:

- to determine a winner in the knockout phase of the competition
- to determine the team entitled to receive Victory Points for the European Club Ranking;

8.2. REGIONAL STAGE

8.2.1. REGISTRATION

- 8.2.1.1. **Eligible teams:**
- . Teams relegated from Europe Cup Stage 1 that confirm participation in the Europe Trophy will be considered confirmed participants once they select the region in which they wish to compete by the registration deadline.
 - . All registered Europe Trophy teams that have selected their region of participation are considered confirmed participants.

Teams ranked in the top 16 of the European Club Ranking are not allowed to participate in the Europe Trophy.

8.2.1.2. Registration Procedure:

Step 1.

Regional Stage Hosts

ETTU will open the bidding process for the hosts.

After receiving hosting applications, ETTU will decide on the hosts of the Regional Stage tournaments.

ETTU and the hosts of the Regional Stage will decide on:

- . maximum number of tournament days
- . playing hall possibilities (maximum number of tables, equipment...)
- . practice hall facilities
- . official hospitality rates and official airport

Step 2.

After ETTU announces the hosts for the Regional Stage, ETTU will open the registration process. The registration process will be as follows:

- 1) ETTU will send the Registration Document (in Excel), in which teams must indicate the region in which they wish to participate, by the registration deadline.
- 2) The Registration Document must be completed by:
 - 2.1. Relegated Teams from Europe Cup Stage 1
 - 2.2. Any other Club wishing to participate in the Europe Trophy, confirmed by the National Association in the ETTU OERS
- 3) Teams relegated from Stage 1 need to submit the completed document only to ETTU. Clubs registering only for the Europe Trophy need to send the Registration Document to ETTU and their National Association.
- 4) The National Association needs to enter the club into the ETTU OES (following the same principle as for clubs participating in the Champions League or Europe Cup), thereby officially registering the club for the Europe Trophy. The National Association does not need to indicate in the OES the region in which the club would like to participate.

Step 3.

Following the registration deadline, ETTU will finalise the playing system for each region and confirm the number of teams that will qualify for the Grand Final from each region.

If there are less than four entries for a specific region, that tournament will not be played. In that case, ETTU will give those teams 48 hours to apply for any of the remaining Regional Stages for which the maximum number of teams has not been reached.

Should the number of teams registered for a given region exceed the available places, ETTU will confirm registrations on a "first come, first served" basis.

8.2.2. PLAYING FORMAT OF GROUP STAGE

8.2.2.1. Team Composition

Match 1:	A1	vs	B2
Match 2:	A2	vs	B1
Match 3:	A3	vs	B3
Match 4:	A1 (A4/A5)	vs	B1 (B4/B5)
Match 5:	A2 (A4/A5)	vs	B2 (B4/B5)

A team shall consist of up to 5 players selected from those nominated by the team's club for the event.

It is recommended that a team always arrives at a match with at least 4 eligible players to reduce the risk of walkovers if player(s) fall ill or are injured shortly before the match starts. When a walkover could have been avoided through the participation of the club's reserve player, the club may be fined by the Club Competition Official.

This recommendation is based on the requirement for fair play towards the ETRM, the opposing club, spectators, the media, and table tennis as a sport in general.

A team will lose by walkover (W.O.) if it has fewer than 2 players ready to play.

In the event of a walk-over (W.O.) match, the final team-match result shall be recorded as 8:0 in games.

In the event of a walk-over (W.O.) match, the final team-match result shall be recorded as 88:0 in individual points.

8.2.2.2. In each match, three games shall be played. The possible results are 3:0, 2:1, 1:2, and 0:3.

When one team reaches eight (8) points, the team match shall be concluded. In such cases, the individual match result may also be recorded as 2:0, 1:0, 1:1, 0:2, or 0:1, depending on the number of games completed at the time the team match is concluded.

8.2.2.3. Each game won in a match counts as one point for the team.

Examples:

If an individual match ends 3:0 in favour of Team A, Team A shall be awarded three (3) points and Team B zero (0) points. If an individual match ends 2:1 in favour of Team A, Team A shall be awarded two (2) points and Team B one (1) point, etc.

8.2.2.4. Team matches shall end when one team has won eight (8) games (points). The final team match result can be:

8:0, 8:1, 8:2, 8:3, 8:4, 8:5, 8:6, 8:7, 7:8, 6:8, 5:8, 4:8, 3:8, 2:8, 1:8, 0:8

8.2.2.5. The final standings in the group will be determined by the overall number of points (games).

8.2.2.6. Tie-break criteria shall be applied only when teams are equal on total points. If 2 or more teams have gained the same number of points, their relative positions shall be determined by the results only of matches between them in the following order:

- 1) the total number of games won in the matches played between the tied teams
- 2) the ratio of games won to games lost in the matches played between the tied teams
- 3) the ratio of single points won to points lost in the matches played between the tied teams.

8.2.2.7. If, after the application of any of the above criteria, the positions of one or more teams have been determined while others remain equal, the results of the matches in which the already-ranked teams took part shall be excluded from any further calculations, and the remaining tied teams shall be ranked by repeating the above criteria.

8.2.2.8. If two (2) or more teams remain equal after the criteria laid down in 8.2.2.6., their relative positions shall be decided by lot. The Referee shall conduct the draw by lot after the end of the team matches, with at least the team captains present, and shall inform ETTU without delay.

8.2.3. MATCH PROCEDURE OF REGIONAL STAGE

The Referee or umpire on duty will conduct a draw to determine which team is Team A and which is Team B.

Player substitution must be announced by the respective team captain to the Referee at the latest before the start of the third single match.

After the third single match, player No. 4 or No. 5 may replace player A1 or A2 (for the "home team"), respectively, player B1 or B2 (for the "away team").

In a team match, up to 1 non-European* player per club is entitled to play. The second/third non-European* player, if nominated, may be nominated as a "reserve player" to replace another non-European* player in the fourth or fifth match.

If none of players 1–3 is a non-European* player, a non-European* reserve player may replace either player 1 or player 2.

Up to 2 reserve players per team (including up to 2 non-European* players) may be registered, each of whom may replace only one player (either player 1 or player 2) after the third individual match.

There shall be no additional break after the 3rd match.

8.2.4. PLAYING SYSTEM

Following the registration deadline, ETTU will finalise the playing system for each region and confirm the number of teams that will qualify for the Grand Final from each region.

8.3. GRAND FINALS

Number of teams: TBA, based on playing system in Regional Stage

If a team that has qualified for the Grand Finals withdraws, ETTU will decide, at its sole discretion, which team to invite as reserve team (as otherwise you do not give explicit free decision to ettu on whom you select or invite)

Number of Stages: 2 Stages - Group Stage and Main Draw

Group Stage:

Number of Groups: TBA, based on playing system in Regional Stage

Teams in each group: TBA, based on playing system in Regional Stage

Playing order: TBA, based on playing system in Regional Stage

Advancing to Main Draw: TBA, based on playing system in Regional Stage

Main Draw: TBA, based on playing system in Regional Stage
KO + position matches

8.3.1. PLAYING FORMAT OF GROUP STAGE

8.3.1.1. Team Composition

Match 1:	A1	vs	B2
Match 2:	A2	vs	B1
Match 3:	A3	vs	B3
Match 4:	A1 (A4/A5)	vs	B1 (B4/B5)
Match 5:	A2 (A4/A5)	vs	B2 (B4/B5)

A team shall consist of up to 5 players selected from those nominated by the team's club for the event.

It is recommended that a team always arrive at a match with at least 4 eligible players to reduce the risk of walkovers if player(s) fall ill or are injured shortly before the match starts. When a walkover could have been avoided through the participation of the club's reserve player, the club may be fined by the Club Competition Official.

This recommendation is based on the requirement for fair play towards the ETRM, the opposing club, spectators, the media, and table tennis as a sport in general.

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8.3.1.4. Team matches shall end when one team has won eight (8) games (points). The final team match result can be:

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8.3.2. PLAYING FORMAT OF MAIN DRAW OF GRAND GRAND FINALS

8.3.2.1. Team Composition

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Match 2:	A2	vs	B1
Match 3:	A3	vs	B3
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A team will lose by walkover (W.O.) if it has fewer than 2 players ready to play.

8.3.2.2. In each match, three games shall be played. The possible results are 3:0, 2:1, 1:2, and 0:3.

When one team reaches eight (8) points, the team match shall be concluded. In such cases, the individual match result may also be recorded as 2:0, 1:0, 1:1, 0:2, or 0:1, depending on the number of games completed at the time the team match is concluded.

8.3.2.3. Each game won in a match counts as one point for the team.

Examples:

If an individual match ends 3:0 in favour of Team A, Team A shall be awarded three (3) points and Team B zero (0) points. If an individual match ends 2:1 in favour of Team A, Team A shall be awarded two (2) points and Team B one (1) point, etc.

8.3.2.4. A team match shall end when one team has won eight (8) games (points). The first team to win eight (8) points shall be declared the winner of the match.

8.3.3. MATCH PROCEDURE OF GRAND FINALS

The Referee or umpire on duty will conduct a draw to determine which team is Team A and which is Team B.

Player substitution must be announced by the respective team captain to the Referee at the latest before the start of the third single match.

After the third single match, player No. 4 or No. 5 may replace player A1 or A2 (for the "home team"), respectively, player B1 or B2 (for the "away team").

In a team match, up to 1 non-European* player per club is entitled to play. The second/third non-European* player, if nominated, may be nominated as a "reserve player" to replace another non-European* player in the fourth or fifth match.

If none of players 1–3 is a non-European* player, a non-European* reserve player may replace either player 1 or player 2.

Up to 2 reserve players per team (including up to 2 non-European* players) may be registered, each of whom may replace only one player (either player 1 or player 2) after the third individual match.

There shall be no additional break after the 3rd match.

9. MULTI BALLS AND BALL BOYS AND GIRLS (BBGs)

The use of the multiball system is not mandatory but is recommended for the Grand Finals.

10. DRAW

10.1. The draw shall be conducted in public by ETTU on a date and at a place to be announced in advance on the official ETTU website.

The draw will be made according to the final seeding list.

10.2. Regional Stage Draw:

According to ETTU Clubs Ranking.

Teams from the same National Association shall, if possible, be drawn into different groups.

10.3. Grand Finals Draw:

The seeding list for the Grand Finals will be created as follows:

- priority 1: Among the winners of the Regional Stage, seeding will be determined according to the ETTU Club Ranking.
- priority 2: Among the runners-up of the Regional Stage, seeding will be determined according to the ETTU Club Ranking.
- priority 3: Among clubs finishing third or lower in the Regional Stage, seeding will be determined according to the ETTU Club Ranking.

Draw Restrictions:

priority 1: Teams from the same group at the Regional Stage shall, as far as possible, be drawn into different groups.

priority 2: Teams from the same national Association shall, as far as possible, be drawn into different groups.

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11. FIXTURES

11.1. The competition shall be held each season according to a schedule published by ETTU.

11.2. The actual playing season is defined as the period from the day before the first round of the competition until the day after the final match.

11.3. Season 2026/27 schedule:

15.-17.01.2027. Regional Stage

09.-11.04.2027. Grand Finals

*** The dates are subject to change by ETTU in the event of any major change to the international table tennis calendar.

12. VENUE REQUIREMENTS FOR HOSTING REGIONAL STAGE AND GRAND FINALS

12.1. Venue requirements for the hosting of the Regional Stage Tournament:

- seating capacity: minimum 50 seats
- venue height: minimum 4m
- venue for a minimum of two tables, preferably four tables
- FoP size for each table: 14x7 meters
- flooring: sport floor / wooden floor / ITTF approved floor
- table: ITTF approved
- balls: ITTF approved
- net: ITTF approved
- light intensity: minimum 600 Lux
- temperature in the hall: between 18° C and 25° C.
- warming-up tables: 1 warming up table on 2 competition tables
- surroundings: preferably A or B boards, minimum C-boards

12.2. Venue requirements for hosting the Grand Finals:

- seating capacity: minimum 400 seats
- venue height: minimum 5m
- venue for four tables
- FoP size for each table: 14x7 meters
- flooring: ITTF-approved
- table: ITTF approved
- balls: ITTF approved
- net: ITTF approved
- light intensity: minimum 800 Lux
- temperature in the hall: between 18° C and 25° C.
- warming-up tables: 5 tables
- surroundings: A or B boards, or LED panel

12.3. Background shall be kept dark.

12.4. The playing conditions must be checked by the Referee. Even in the event of disputes about the playing conditions, the clubs are obliged to play the match.

12.5. There shall be sufficient changing rooms of a good standard.

13. PLAYERS EQUIPMENT

13.1. For the Regional Stage and Grand Finals, teams shall bring 2 sets of playing clothing (shirts) with clearly different main colours for use in matches. If 2 teams wish to use shirts with no clear difference in colour and cannot agree, the Referee or umpire will determine by lot which shirt each team will wear.

13.2. The ECC opts out of ITTF Regulations for International Competitions for advertisements on players' clothing to allow more space on clothing for advertisements.

Opting out is only for the sizes and total number of advertisements.

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14. REFEREE AND UMPIRES

- 14.1. For the Regional Stage, the host shall appoint a sufficient number of umpires and propose them to the ETTU URC for approval. The Referee (International Umpire) shall be nominated by the MA of the local host and must be approved by the ETTU URC.
- 14.2. For the Grand Finals, the ETTU URC will nominate the Referee and set the minimum number of umpires.
At least two umpires must be foreign umpires.
- All other umpires may be nominated by the host, provided that at least 50% of the umpires are international umpires.
- 14.3. The appointed Referee shall receive free hospitality (single room and full board/meals) and a daily allowance as defined below. Their travel expenses (economy-class train or plane, or car at €0.40 per km, plus toll and visa costs) shall be reimbursed by the home club, either by bank transfer before the match or, at the latest, in cash upon arrival.
- 14.4. Daily allowance:
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| Referee (Regional Stage): | 70€ per competition day |
| Referee (Grand Finals): | 100€ per competition day + 1 more day |
| International Umpire: | 50€ per competition day |
| Umpires: | 40€ per competition day |
- 14.5. The nominated umpires must arrange their travel to and from the playing hall, airport, or railway station as soon as they receive their nomination and must inform the home club without delay. They shall use the most economical means of transport (car, train, or flight).
- 14.6. The appointed Referee has the following responsibilities:
- conduct the regional stage competition
 - ensure that matches do not start early or late (punctual start)
 - collect the team line-up no later than 60 minutes before the first match starts
 - send the team line-up (match order of play/pairings) to the designated WhatsApp group at least 45 minutes before the first match starts, if requested
 - send information after the second match if there is any change in the fourth/fifth match
 - send the completed e-scoresheet no later than 30 minutes after the match to the following email addresses:
 - result@ettu.org
 - club@ettu.org
 - competition@ettu.org
 - press@ettu.org
 - In the event of any last-minute changes (such as injuries, breaks, delays, etc.), the Referee shall also communicate any known information via the WhatsApp group as soon as possible
 - to set up the scoring application, if any
 - conduct a venue check:
 - venue temperature
 - venue light on the FoP
 - FoP flooring
 - FoP surroundings

15. GENERAL COMMUNICATION

To ensure the smooth running of the Europe Trophy, all participating Clubs must respond to all organisational and communication requests from ETTU within 48 hours. Every Club must appoint one contact person who is fluent in English.

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16. OFFICIAL MATCH PROTOCOL

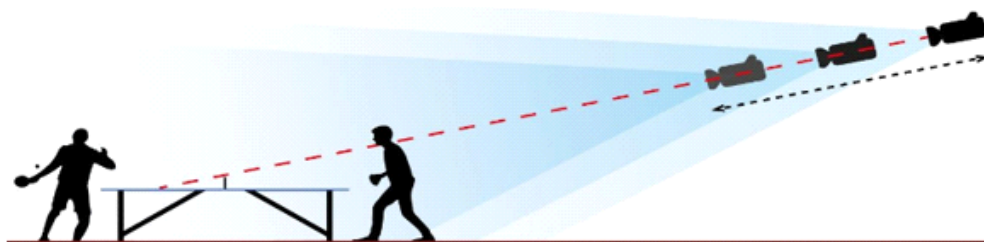
- 16.1. The organisers are responsible for the preparation and smooth running of the competition.
- 16.2. Additional note: at European Club Competitions, no national anthems shall be played, nor shall country flags be hoisted.

17. MEDIA AND SPONSORSHIP

- 17.1. ETTU holds the exclusive right to title sponsorship.
- 17.2. The ETTU holds the following exclusive rights for every team match:
- any kind of television transmission
 - internet Broadband Streaming
 - IPTV and Data & Scoring Rights (live, delayed and excerpts)
 - rights for mobile devices and radio rights
 - the competition's marketing and equipment rights
 - worldwide exclusive betting rights
- 17.3. Every club participating in the ETM Grand Finals must follow the **Media and Sponsorship requirements which will be made available to all participating clubs.**

18. LIVE STREAMING

- 18.1. **Providing streaming signal for ETTU platform is not mandatory for Regional Stage. However, every host of the Regional Stage must provide streaming from at least one table if requested by ETTU. ETTU will announce such a request no later than 30 days before the tournament starts and cover the streaming cost.**
- 18.2. Reference for how the main camera shall be positioned:



This figure serves as an example. The camera must be positioned so that the back of the table is visible.

- 18.3. The host club must send ETTU the streaming provider's contact details at least 14 days before the competition.
- 18.4. Unauthorised streams (e.g. from TV broadcasters, production companies, spectators using their mobile phones, etc.) as well as unauthorised tickering must be stopped by the organisers (pre-announced production teams are also allowed to stop unauthorised streaming and tickering). Organisers must also inform their supporters of this fact.
- 18.5. **ETTU will send the detailed guidelines for streaming.**

19. VIP

- 19.1. If requested, the organising Club* shall provide ETTU with five (5) VIP entry tickets (free of charge) for ETTU representatives, their guests, partners, sponsors, suppliers, etc.
- 19.2. There shall be a special VIP room where drinks and snacks are served to honorary guests, sponsors, suppliers, etc., free of charge.

20. MEDALS AND TROPHIES

- 20.1. Each regional Europe Trophy winner will be awarded with medals by ETTU.
- 20.1. The winner of the Europe Trophy Grand Finals will be awarded with an appropriate trophy and medals by ETTU.

21. PRIVACY POLICY

By registering for and entering the ETTU Club Competition, each registered participant agrees to and consents to the ETTU Privacy Policy as set out on the ETTU website (<https://www.ettu.org/privacy-policy/>).

22. PENALTIES

- 22.1. A club violating the ITTF Laws, the ETTU Constitution, the ETTU Regulations or the ETTU Directives may be disqualified from the competition and will be financially fined. A team which has refused to continue the match until its end, played with an incomplete team or failed to play the match at all may be fined up ten thousand (10,000) €.
- 22.2. A team whose players, coaches or officials during or in connection with a match have behaved in a way that the table tennis sport has been brought into disrepute may be financially fined and a ban can be imposed on the players, coaches or officials for the following match(es).
- 22.3. A club withdrawing its team from the competition after the exit possibility but before the draw, will be fined two hundred (200) €
- A club withdrawing its team from the Reagional Stage after the draw will be fined one thousand (1.000) €.
- A club withdrawing its team from the Grand Finals after the draw will be fined three thousand (3.000) €.
- Clubs which, in the previous season of the ETTU Club Competitions Women, have withdrawn or failed to compete in one or more scheduled matches shall not be accepted for registration in the following season.
- Furthermore, such clubs shall not receive any European Club Competition Ranking points from that season, nor any bonus support or prize money related to their participation in that season.
- In cases of duly justified force majeure, the ETTU may, at its sole discretion, grant an exception and allow the club's participation and/or entitlement to the above.
- 22.4. A club not fulfilling the duties to offer meals or transportation will be fined five hundred (500) € for each disregard.
- 22.5. A host club failing to prevent unauthorised streaming or broadcasting of the match on channels or platforms under its control, including streams produced or published by the club itself or by third parties acting on its behalf without prior approval from ETTU, will be fined five hundred (500) € for each disregard.
- 22.6. A club whose players fail to observe Directives concerning advertisements on players' clothing may be fined up to five hundred (500) €
- 22.7. Any contravention of the Penalty Catalogue shall be submitted to the ETTU Club Competition Official for validation.
- Following validation, the corresponding fines will be communicated to the club concerned, with a copy sent to its Member Association.
- In cases where the Penalty Catalogue provides for a fine up to a specified maximum amount (i.e. no fixed amount) or where no specific amount is indicated, the notification will be accompanied by an explanatory note outlining the reasoning for the level of the fine imposed.
- 22.8. The ETTU Club Competition Official may reduce the amounts of fines or withdraw the fines as laid down in the Penalty Catalogue for valid or force majeure reasons.
- 22.9. Further contraventions, not specified above, to the Regulations and Directives may also be fined by the ETTU Club Competition Official.

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23. JURISDICTION

- 23.1. A club wishing to protest about any aspect of the ECCW shall send this protest, together with all relevant details, by e-mail to the ETTU Secretariat (registration@ettu.org), within two (2) days of the occurrence of the situation giving rise to the protest. No protest shall be accepted after this deadline.
- 23.2. The ETTU Club Competition Official has to take a decision concerning a protest as soon as possible after the protest has been received and the necessary hearing and investigations have been concluded.
- 23.3. A club wishing to protest against a decision of either the ETTU Club Competition Official or of the Secretary General shall send this protest, together with the relevant details, including reasoning, by e-mail via the ETTU Secretariat to the ETTU Board of Appeal within 8 days after the receipt of the decision. No protest shall be accepted after this deadline.
- 23.4. The costs of the procedure of the ETTU Board of Appeal shall include the actual expenses and the protest fee of one thousand (1.000) €. This latter fee shall be paid into the ETTU bank account and has to be received by the ETTU within eight (8) days of the submission of the case otherwise the protest is not accepted and the ETTU Club Competition Official or Secretary General decision remains final.
- 23.5. The ETTU Board of Appeal shall inform the opposing or accused party (parties) within thirty (30) days of the case lodging. The decision of the ETTU Board of Appeal shall be final on ETTU level.
- 23.6. At the time of making a protest to the Club Competition Official, the protesting club shall pay to the ETTU bank account a fee of five hundred (500) € per case, to be received within 8 days, which will be refunded if the protest is not upheld or if the contested sentence is cancelled.
- 23.7. At the time of making an appeal against a decision taken by either the Club Competition Official or by the Secretary General, to the Board of Appeal, the appealing club shall send to the ETTU bank account a fee of one thousand (1.000) € per case, which will be refunded if the appeal is not upheld or if the contested sentence is cancelled.
- 23.8. In case of any appeal against the decision of the ETTU Board of Appeal at the Court of Arbitration for Sports shall be made within 14 days of the notification of the decision of the ETTU Board of Appeal, which should be communicated to the ETTU Secretariat.
- 23.9. An appeal shall have no delaying effect, except for financial matters and fines.

24. FORCE MAJEURE

In the event of "force majeure"*, the ETTU Executive Board may, after consultation with the Club Competition Official, the Competition Director, and the Secretary General, decide on any amendment to the general organisation and planning of the European Club Competitions. Such an amendment may also come into force during the season.

*Force majeure is extended to the well-being and safety of all parties involved, including the need to guarantee the best possible continuation of the Europe Trophy.

25. DOCUMENTS

ETTU will publish separate documents covering the following:

- Prospectus for each Regional Stage tournament, including the playing system
- Prospectus for the Grand Finals, including the playing system
- Seeding List for the Grand Finals

26. CONTACT AND SUPPORT

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