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CHAPTER 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1.1 NAME

1.1.1 The organisation shall be called the European Table Tennis Union referred to elsewhere in the Constitution by its abbreviated title ETTU.

ETTU was founded 13th March 1957 in order to group the national table tennis Associations from the countries and territories of Europe.

1.2 COMPOSITION

1.2.1 ETTU shall consist of the affiliated table tennis organisations, referred to elsewhere as 'Associations', governing the sport in accordance with the principles of ETTU and the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) in any territory in Europe generally regarded as constituting a national, historical or other unity.

1.2.2 ETTU is the Continental Table Tennis Federation for Europe, being recognised as such by ITTF and thus having the sole and whole authority in Europe in general, and in the territories of the Associations in particular, for all matters related to table tennis on the European level.

1.2.3 Pursuant to the authority recognised to it for Europe by ITTF, ETTU has the sole and whole jurisdiction over organising a table tennis event using the denomination or title 'European', 'Europe', 'Euro' or similar, or authorising the organisation of such an event.

1.3 PRINCIPLES

1.3.1 The principles of ETTU shall be general unity of action, mutual respect of Associations in their dealings with one another and the inadmissibility of discrimination against Associations or individuals on racial, political, religious, gender or other grounds.

1.3.2 ETTU is committed to providing a sport and work environment in which all individuals are treated with respect and dignity. Each individual has the right to participate and work in an environment which promotes equal opportunities and prohibits discriminatory practices.

1.3.3 ETTU is committed to providing a sport environment free of harassment on any basis without exception.

1.3.3.1 The Executive Board of ETTU shall impose appropriate disciplinary sanctions from warnings to exclusions from all kind of activity in ETTU, when a complaint of harassment has been substantiated. The same range of disciplinary sanctions can be imposed if a false accusation has been substantiated.

1.3.3.2 The Executive Board has the power to delegate any of its duties or obligations to a competent body such as a disciplinary or ethics committee.

1.3.4 ETTU is committed to take a responsible approach to safeguarding the environment and managing resources through its practices in hosting events and in managing its operations.

1.3.5 ETTU shall observe the general and fundamental principles of Good Governance, the ITTF Code of Ethics; the Olympic Movement Code on the Prevention of the Manipulation of Competitions, the Olympic Movement Medical Code, the ITTF Anti-Doping Rules, the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) Handbook; and no provision of this Constitution shall be deemed to conflict with or derogate from those principles.

1.3.6 ETTU shall co-operate with ITTF, the European Olympic Committees (EOC), the European Paralympic Committee (EPC), and other organisations that recognise it as the controlling and governing authority for table tennis throughout Europe.

1.4 OBJECTIVES

1.4.1 The objectives of ETTU shall be:

1.4.1.1 to uphold the principles of ETTU and to develop the spirit of friendship and mutual assistance among Associations, officials, coaches and players;

1.4.1.2 to seek continual improvement in the technical standard of table tennis and to promote participation of table tennis throughout Europe**;**

1.4.1.3 to foster friendly sporting competition and to eliminate unfair and unsporting practices such as match fixing, match corruption, irregular and illegal betting, doping or illegal equipment;

1.4.1.4 to apply and enforce the Constitution, the Regulations for ETTU title competitions and events, the ITTF Regulations for International Competitions, the ITTF Anti-Doping Rules, the ITTF Code of Ethics, the ITTF Anti-Harassment Policy and Procedures and other ETTU

regulations;

1.4.1.5 to promote and to supervise ETTU title competitions and events;

1.4.1.6 to employ the funds of ETTU as may be expedient in the interests of European table tennis;

1.4.1.7 to endeavour to increase participation at all levels, to enhance the popularity of the sport, to develop new sources of revenue, and to manage the sport through a systematic planning process;

1.4.1.8 to encourage players, coaches and officials to present the sport positively in the best ways to enhance its image.

1.4.2 The development and promotion activities of ETTU shall, in particular, include courses, conferences and/or camps upon the following items, in relation with the table tennis sport:

- playing
- coaching
- refereeing and umpiring
- sport administration
- organisation of Events

1.4.3 The European table tennis Events (*) organised shall, in particular, be the following:

- the European Senior Championships
- the European Youth Championships
- the European Veteran Championships
- the European Under 21 Championships
- the European Under 13 Championships
- the Europe Senior Top-16 Cup
- the Europe Youth Top-10 Tournament
- the European Olympic Qualification Tournaments
- the European Club Competitions
- the European Virtual or Outdoor Championships (or any other format existing or invented in future)
- the European Para Table Tennis Championships (**)
- the European Para Table Tennis Under 23 Championships (**)

(*) the provisions ruling each one of these Events shall be laid down in a relating Specific Regulation to be approved by the Congress and in a relating Specific Directive approved by the Executive Board.

(**) if authorised by ITTF

1.5 LEGAL STATUS

1.5.1 ETTU is incorporated in Luxembourg as a non-profit-making Association, according to the provisions of the Luxembourg law of 7th August 2023, entered into force on 23rd September 2023 concerning the non-profit-making associations and the foundations (see note 1). The seat and the headquarters (the head office) are settled in Luxembourg (the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg), at 52, avenue de la Gare, L-1610 Luxembourg.

1.5.2 ETTU is endowed with legal status and its officers and employees shall not be responsible for its debts, unless it is by a grossly negligent or willful conduct.

1.5.3 The minimum number of Associations in membership shall be three (3).

CHAPTER 2. MEMBERSHIP

2.1 ELIGIBILITY

2.1.1 Membership is open to any National Table Tennis Association (NTTA) that:

a) is officially recognised and responsible in its country or territory for the organisation and implementation of all matters related to table tennis;

b) has its home country or territory capital located within the geographical area of Europe;

c) is recognised by ITTF.

2.1.2 In exceptional circumstances, membership may be opened to an NTTA that fulfils the provisions of 2.1.1 but has its home country or territory capital located outside the geographical area of Europe, provided the Association concerned:

a) is, not yet or no more, a member of another Continental Table Tennis Federation;

b) has its application for membership supported by ITTF and by the Continental Table Tennis Federation to which it should normally belong according to the geographic situation of its home country or territory capital.

2.2 APPLICATION AND ELECTION

2.2.1 Applications for membership shall be made on a form approved by the Executive Board.

2.2.2 All applications shall be submitted not later than six (6) calendar months before the date of a Congress at which the application is to be considered, except applications from previous member Associations. Such applications may be accepted with immediate effect at the discretion of the Executive Board, without the need to respect the six (6) calendar months. Any such acceptance shall be ratified at the next Congress.

2.2.3 The Executive Board shall review all applications on behalf of the Congress and make recommendations on acceptance.

2.2.4 Applications for membership shall be considered by the next Congress and shall be accepted if they receive at least two-thirds

(2/3) of the votes cast.

2.2.5 In the consideration of applications for combined membership by Associations formerly in separate membership, or for separate membership by Associations which were formerly components of an Association which has divided, or for recognition of changes in the territory in which an Association controls the sport, the views of the organisations concerned and any circumstances outside their control shall be taken into account; secession in other circumstances is not to be encouraged.

2.2.6 The representatives of an Association to be elected to membership at a Congress shall be entitled to attend the meeting without voting rights.

2.2.7 Election and membership of an Association to ETTU shall not carry any implications in respect of the political, diplomatic or national status of the territory concerned, but only to its conduct of table tennis therein.

2.3 SUSPENSION AND TERMINATION

2.3.1 An Association wishing to resign from ETTU shall give notice in writing to the ETTU Secretary General. The written notice of resignation shall detail the reason for resignation, the proposed timing and all efforts made toward retaining affiliation.

2.3.1.2 Prior to the resignation to take effect, the Association and the ETTU shall engage in bona fide discussions, either direct or mediated, with the purpose of retaining affiliation. The Association may withdraw its notice of resignation at any time during the discussions. If after8 weeks of discussions, the Association maintains its notice of resignation, the Association shall submit a written confirmation detailing the outcome of the discussions and explicitly confirming its intention of resignation, the reason for resignation, the proposed timing and all efforts toward retaining affiliation.

2.3.1.3 The resignation may take effect at any time from the receipt of such notice until the 31st December of the same year, but the Association shall be liable for the subscription due for that year.

2.3.2 An Association which fails to pay its subscription for three (3) successive years shall automatically be suspended from membership; it shall not be liable for subscriptions during the period of suspension and shall be re-admitted to membership on payment of all of the

subscriptions and debts previously due.

2.3.3 An Association which seriously and persistently fails to maintain the principles or to respect the Constitution and decisions of ETTU may be warned, fined, suspended or expelled by a Congress.

2.3.4 An Association that is suspended from membership shall, including but not limited to, not be entitled to nominate or enter players for any event held under the jurisdiction of ETTU nor to attend or be represented at an Ordinary or Extraordinary Congress nor to nominate any person for election to the Executive Board, the ITTF Council, any Committee, Commission or working group nor shall any individual nominated by the Association be entitled to participate in the activities of the Executive Board, any Committee, Commission or working group; further:

2.3.4.1 no match official nominated by the Association shall officiate at any ETTU sanctioned event;

2.3.4.2 the Association shall not be entitled to receive any benefit from ETTU including but not limited to participation in development activities nor to receive any grants from ETTU;

2.3.4.3 the Association shall not be entitled to host an ETTU sanctioned event save that where an ETTU sanctioned event has been approved prior to the suspension, the Executive Board may establish a committee to oversee the organisation of such sanctioned event under conditions approved by the Executive Board, at its discretion.

2.3.4.4 In a case of a suspension, the Executive Board may allow players from the suspended Association to compete in events under the jurisdiction and flag of ETTU.

2.3.5 Before the Congress suspends an Association, the Association shall have been sent notice in writing of the proposed suspension at least one (1) month before the Congress at which the suspension is to be considered; the Association shall be afforded an opportunity to present its case at the Congress.

2.3.6 The Executive Board may act to suspend an Association pending the Congress provided the Association is afforded an opportunity to present its case and all Associations having been informed of the suspension and provided with reasons.

2.3.7.1 The Congress may decide, upon proposal by the Executive Board, to expel a Member Association, by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the votes cast.

2.3.7.2 Prior to such vote, the Member Association must be given the opportunity to be heard by the Congress. The manner in which the Member Association shall be heard shall be determined by the Executive Board.

2.3.7.3 Any decision of expulsion shall have immediate effect. However, the expelled Association shall be entitled to appeal before the Board of Appeal in which case the effects of the decision of expulsion shall be suspended. If the expelled Association does not introduce an appeal within 21 days, the decision shall be final. As any other decision of the Board of Appeal, the decision of the Board of Appeal shall be subject to appeal before the Court of Arbitration for Sport.

2.4 RIGHTS OF THE ASSOCIATIONS

2.4.1 The Associations have the following rights:

2.4.1.1 to appoint up to two (2) representatives (referred to as delegates) to take part in the Congress;

2.4.1.2 to submit proposals or resolutions for inclusion in the agenda of the Congress;

2.4.1.3 to nominate candidates for election or appointment according to the specific rules;

2.4.1.4 to enter players for participation in competitions organised under the authority of ETTU according to the specific qualification rules of each competition;

2.4.1.5 to take part in and benefit from ETTU's assistance, development and educational programmes;

2.4.1.6 to exercise all other rights arising from the Constitution or other ETTU regulations.

2.4.2 An Association being in arrears as defined under article 7.4.3 shall not benefit from any of the above listed rights in articles 2.4.1.1-2.4.1.6 if the debts have not been settled in full before the respective (registration, nomination etc) deadlines.

2.5 OBLIGATIONS OF THE ASSOCIATIONS

2.5.1 The Associations have the following obligations:

2.5.1.1 to fully comply with all duties and provisions of the Constitution and Regulations established by ETTU as well as with all decisions taken in accordance therewith;

2.5.1.2 to apply the ITTF Anti-Doping Rules, the ITTF Code of Ethics and the ITTF Anti-Harassment Policy and Procedures;

2.5.1.3 to immediately notify ETTU about any major change of the Association (change of President, General Secretary, address or contact details);

2.5.1.4 to request their own members to comply with the ETTU Constitution and Regulations established by ETTU;

2.5.1.5 to be responsible for its clubs and players, including entry fees, penalties, and eligibility, in compliance with the ETTU Constitution and Regulations;

2.5.1.6 to fulfil at all times the requirements necessary for eligibility to membership;

2.5.1.7 to pay the ETTU annual subscription, entry fees, levies and all other invoices within the given deadlines.

2.5.1.8 to cooperate with ETTU where the Executive Board considers it necessary to assist an Association in resolving governance, operational or financial difficulties, including through discussions or mediation with the relevant National Olympic Committee, governmental authorities or other recognised sports organisations, with the objective of safeguarding the proper functioning of the Association and the interests of table tennis.

CHAPTER 3. ASSOCIATED ORGANISATIONS

3.1 OTHER GROUPINGS OF ASSOCIATIONS

3.1.1 Grouping of Associations shall, in principle, include Associations that share common objectives (promoting table tennis in any of its forms or categories, organising competitions for specific titles or for areas united by language, history and/or culture).

3.1.2 Each grouping of Associations shall have the right to organise specific grouping competitions open to all the Associations of the grouping provided that the Constitution is observed in respect of play with an unaffiliated organisation.

3.1.3 ETTU shall be notified about any change of the grouping of Associations (change of President, General Secretary, address or contact details).

CHAPTER 4. HONORARY POSITIONS

4.1 Upon the recommendation of the Executive Board, the Congress may appoint as an Honorary Member a person who has given outstanding and meritorious services to ETTU.

An Honorary Member is entitled to receive free hospitality at the European Championships and to attend the Congress.

4.2 The Executive Board may award a Badge of Honour to a person that has given an outstanding contribution to the work of ETTU and/or to its Objectives.

4.3 Upon the recommendation of the Executive Board, the Congress may revoke an honorary position.

CHAPTER 5. GOVERNANCE

5.1 CONGRESS

5.1.1 The Congress bears the overall responsibility for the sustainable and continuing development and proper regulating, legislating and governing of table tennis in Europe.

5.1.2 The Congress is the supreme governing body of ETTU and consists of the assembled delegates of the Associations.

5.1.3 A Congress requires a quorum of more than one-half (1/2) of the Associations to be present or represented.

5.1.4 The Congress has the following functions and powers:

5.1.4.1 to establish and to amend the Constitution and the Regulations;

5.1.4.2 to elect the ETTU President, the ETTU Deputy President, the ETTU Vice President for Finance and the five (5) ETTU Vice Presidents, at a Congress held in the year of the Summer Olympic Games. All members elected shall serve for a maximum four (4) years term and shall be eligible for re-election not more than twice in the same role;

5.1.4.3 to elect the ETTU members of the ITTF Council. All members elected shall serve for a maximum four (4) years term and shall be eligible for re-election not more than twice;

5.1.4.4 to elect up to ten (10) members of the Board of Appeal for a four (4) years term;

5.1.4.5 to elect the members of the Audit Commission. All members elected shall serve for a maximum four (4) years term and at least one (1) member of the previous Audit Commission shall retire after one (1) term;

5.1.4.6 to delegate any of its powers to the Executive Board, on the request of at least one-third (1/3) of the Associations not in arrears;

5.1.4.7 to ratify the work done by the Executive Board since the last Congress;

5.1.4.8 to decide to deal with a matter normally delegated to another ETTU body or decided upon by this body;

5.1.4.9 all the other functions and responsibilities mentioned from 5.1.10.1.1 to 5.1.10.1.15.

5.1.5 Representation of Members and Attendance

5.1.5.1 Each Association not in arrears shall be entitled to two (2) delegates at a Congress.

When an Association chooses to have two (2) delegates, it is recommended that the delegates are not of the same gender.

5.1.5.2 The Executive Board members, the Honorary Members, ETTU members of the ITTF Council, Committee chairs, Officials, Officers and ETTU staff, are allowed to attend the Congress with the right to speak but not to vote. Committee and Commission members shall be entitled to attend the Congress as observers, without speaking or voting privileges unless representing an Association. The Congress chair, exceptionally, may allow special guests to attend and speak at the Congress.

5.1.5.3 An Association eligible to vote at a Congress may be represented by another Association eligible to vote. No Association may hold more than one (1) proxy.

5.1.6 Delegates

5.1.6.1 Delegates shall be appointed by the appropriate body of the Association they represent; they shall either carry the citizenship (passport) of this Association or shall have their main residence in the territory controlled by this Association for no less than the preceding twelve (12) months. Delegates of Associations belonging to the same state unity, with the same kind of national passport, shall have their main residence for no less than the preceding twelve (12) months in the territory where the Association has jurisdiction.

5.1.7 Place and Time

5.1.7.1 A Congress shall be held annually. In principle the Congress will be held at the host city and during the period of the European Championships. However, upon decision of the Executive Board, the Congress may be held fully electronically (virtually) or in a hybrid manner (allowing for virtual and physical attendance).

5.1.8 Notice of Meeting

5.1.8.1 Notice of the meeting, giving details of the place, date and time and the business to be transacted, shall be sent by post or e-mail to:

5.1.8.1.1 each Association;

5.1.8.1.2 the Executive Board members;

5.1.8.1.3 the Honorary Members;

5.1.8.1.4 the ETTU members of the ITTF Council and the Committee chairs, the Officials and the Officers.

5.1.8.2 The notice shall be sent not later than two (2) calendar months before the date of the meeting.

5.1.9 Notice of Business

5.1.9.1 Details in writing of propositions and resolutions to be dealt with at a Congress shall reach the Secretary General not later than three (3) calendar months before the date of the meeting.

5.1.9.2 The deadline for nominations for election shall be not later than six (6) weeks before the date of the relating election in a Congress.

5.1.9.3 Notice of the closing date in each year for the receipt of business, propositions and resolutions shall be sent to all Associations by the Secretary General not later than six (6) calendar months before the date of the meeting.

5.1.9.4 Propositions and resolutions, other than changes to the Constitution, of which due notice has not been given but which, in the opinion of the Executive Board, relate to the business in hand or relate to an emergency may be admitted by a vote in favour of two-thirds (2/3) of the votes cast at the Congress.

5.1.10 Procedure

5.1.10.1 The agenda for a Congress shall include:

5.1.10.1.1 the appointment of a Chair;

5.1.10.1.2 a roll call of the Associations present;

5.1.10.1.3 the appointment of scrutineers;

5.1.10.1.4 minutes of the previous Congress*;

5.1.10.1.5 the consideration of applications for membership;

5.1.10.1.6 the Annual General Report, including reports from the Executive Board members;

5.1.10.1.7 the receipt of reports from the Committee chairs, Officials, Officers and the Secretary General;

5.1.10.1.8 the receipt of the financial report, the Audit Commission report, the audit statement of accounts for the previous, the consideration of the next year´s budget and every 4 years (according to 7.2.3) the appointment of Auditors;

5.1.10.1.9 the consideration of propositions and resolutions;

5.1.10.1.10 when appropriate, the election of President, Deputy President, Vice President for Finance and Vice Presidents;

5.1.10.1.11 when appropriate the election of ETTU members of the ITTF Council;

5.1.10.1.12 when appropriate the election of up to ten (10) members of the Board of Appeal;

5.1.10.1.13 the ratification of the work done by the Executive Board since the last Congress;

5.1.10.1.14 the announcement of the place and date of the next Congress;

5.1.10.1.15 the consideration of any other business.

* The Minutes of a Congress Meeting shall be considered as approved if, within thirty (30) days of their official dispatching, no Member Association has raised fundamental objections to the Secretary General. In the event that such fundamental objections are raised, the Minutes shall be set on the agenda of the next following Congress Meeting for re-consideration and definitive approval.

5.1.10.2 No speaker shall speak more than once on a proposition or resolution except that the proposer shall have the right of reply and that the Chair may, at his or her discretion, allow a speaker to speak more than once to answer a query arising from his or her original statement.

5.1.10.3 The Chair shall decide how many speakers will be permitted to speak on a proposition or resolution and when the vote shall be taken, except that a motion "that the question now be put" shall be voted on immediately, without further discussion; if such a motion is carried the proposition or resolution or any amendment before the meeting shall then be voted on immediately, without further discussion, subject to the right of reply by the mover of the substantive proposition or resolution.

5.1.10.4 The Chair is holding the domestic authority. He or she shall open, conduct and close the Meeting, keep order during the Meeting and ensure that the relevant rules of procedure are respected.

The Chair may, in particular for security reasons, take all required measures to ensure a smooth and correct progress of the Meeting, as e.g. breaking the Meeting and exclude a person.

5.1.11 Voting

5.1.11.1 Each Association not in arrears shall have one (1) vote.

5.1.11.2 Decisions shall be decided by a majority of the votes cast except that:

5.1.11.2.1 changes to the Constitution, suspensions or expulsions from membership, the acceptance of late or emergency business or propositions, warning fining suspending or expelling an Association, revoking an honorary position, require more than one-half (1/2) of the Associations to be present or represented at the Congress and requires a majority of two-thirds (2/3) of the votes cast;

5.1.11.2.2 dissolution of ETTU requires more than two-thirds (2/3) of the Associations to be present or represented at the Congress and requires a four-fifths (4/5) majority of the votes cast.

5.1.11.3 Votes cast are votes in favour and votes against. Abstentions and invalid votes are not counted as votes cast.

5.1.11.4 If there is an equality of votes in any matter except in elections the motion shall fail, and the meeting shall proceed with the next business.

5.1.11.5 Voting other than in elections shall be either by a show of hands, by electronic device, by roll call or by secret ballot, as decided by the Congress on a proposition by the Chair.

5.1.11.6 A number of delegates shall be nominated, for approval by the Congress, to act as scrutineers.

5.1.11.7 The appointed scrutineers are responsible for the correct organisation of a ballot including the distribution of ballot papers, the count of votes cast, the proclamation of the ballot result and the draw by lot in the event of a tie voting result in the second ballot of an election.

5.1.12 Elections

5.1.12.1 Voting in elections shall be by secret ballot. In case of an electronic or hybrid Congress, the voting shall take place by electronic device. The Executive Board shall choose an electronic voting service provider that ensures the legitimacy of the elections. The electronic

voting service provider must guarantee the identification of the voter and the security of the system. The election data must be fully auditable. If there is only one candidate for a post, the congress may decide by acclamation, unless a delegate asks for a secret ballot.

5.1.12.2 Where there is election for one post (1 vacant position), the candidate having received the highest number of votes is elected, provided he or she received the majority of votes cast (more than 50%). If the majority (more than 50%) is not reached, additional ballots will be required. In this case, at each successive ballot, the candidate obtaining the smallest number of votes shall be eliminated.

If a further ballot is needed, and if there was a tie for the lowest number of votes, a further vote shall be held amongst them to determine who is eliminated, and if there is still a tie, the decision will be taken by a draw by lot.

5.1.12.3 Where there is election for more than one post (more than 1 vacant position), the candidates having received the highest number of votes are elected and do not require in addition majority of the votes cast.

If there is a tie, a second ballot shall be held, but only if necessary, between the candidates with the same number of votes in the first ballot. In the event of a tie in the second ballot, the relating election shall be determined by lot.

5.1.12.4 At an election a ballot paper shall be considered valid only if the number of votes cast on this ballot equals the number of vacancies.

5.1.13 Extraordinary Congress

5.1.13.1 An Extraordinary Congress shall be convened by the Executive Board or shall be convened within ten (10) weeks of receipt by the Secretary General of a requisition in writing submitted by not less than one-fifth (1/5) of the Associations not in arrears.

5.1.13.2 The notice shall be sent to all Associations not later than a calendar month before the date of the meeting.

5.1.13.3 The requisition for an Extraordinary Congress shall specify the business for which the meeting is to be convened.

5.2. EXECUTIVE BOARD

5.2.1. The Executive Board has the following duties and responsibilities:

5.2.1.1 to determine the internal operations and procedures;

5.2.1.2 to appoint the Secretary General of ETTU;

5.2.1.3 to appoint the chair of the Board of Appeal among the members elected by the Congress;

5.2.1.3 to appoint the Committee chairs and members, Officials, Officers and working groups, except the chair and members of the Athletes Commission;

5.2.1.4 to impose disciplinary sanctions for inappropriate conducts and violation of the Constitution and Regulations which are not expressly attributed to another body within ETTU;

5.2.1.5 to determine the terms of reference for all Committees, Commissions, working groups or panels that the Executive Board may establish from time to time;

5.2.1.6 to establish an ETTU strategic plan to be submitted to the Congress;

5.2.1.7 to appoint the bank accounts of ETTU and the persons with signature on them;

5.2.1.8 to decide a remuneration of the President or any elected Executive Board member, if applicable. Such decisions shall be minuted with specific mention of the names and amounts and shall be reflected in the annual budget and the annual statement of accounts;

5.2.1.9 to review all applications for new membership and make recommendations on acceptance to the Congress;

5.2.1.10 to submit propositions and resolutions to the Congress;

5.2.1.11 to define the use of the ETTU name and logo;

5.2.1.12 to represent ETTU in all juridical matters;

5.2.1.13 to deal with all other current or urgent business and to assume all responsibilities which are not expressly attributed to another body within ETTU.

5.2.2 The Executive Board shall consist of the President, the Deputy President, the Vice President for Finance and five (5) Vice Presidents, all from different Associations, and the chair of the Athletes Commission.

5.2.3 The Executive Board shall meet at least four (4) times a year and otherwise when convened by the President or at the request of three

(3) Executive Board members shall be convened within thirty (30) days.

5.2.4 Four (4) eligible Officers shall constitute a quorum for the Executive Board.

5.2.5 The decisions of the Executive Board shall be taken with the majority of the votes cast. In case of a tie, the vote of the President is decisive.

5.2.6 A decision of the Executive Board shall take immediate effect unless decided differently, in the latter case, the effective date shall be minuted.

5.2.7 An Executive Board member shall carry out his/her duties in a neutral and independent way, for the best of table tennis in Europe, without regard to the particular interests of his/her nominating Association.

5.2.8 A member of the Executive Board shall cease to hold office upon resignation, death, loss of eligibility for office under this Constitution or removal by the Congress by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the votes cast.

5.3 ETTU MEMBERS OF THE ITTF COUNCIL

5.3.1. **Appointments and Elections**

The ETTU members of the ITTF Council are elected by the Congress in the years of the Summer Olympic Games for a term of four (4) years; they are eligible for re-election twice.

The Deputy President shall ex-officio be appointed as an ETTU member of the ITTF Council, provided he/she accepts this appointment.

5.4 VACANCIES

5.4.1 If the President resigns or is unable to continue in office any longer, he or she shall be replaced by the Deputy President, until the first following Congress.

5.4.2 A vacancy arising in the post of Deputy President or Vice President for Finance shall be filled by a Vice President nominated by the President until the first following Congress.

5.4.3 A vacancy arising in the posts of Vice Presidents, ETTU members of the ITTF Council and Board of Appeal during the first three (3) years of the running term of office shall be filled at the next Congress following the election procedure as defined in 5.1.12 for the

remaining years of the running term.

5.5 COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES, OFFICIALS AND OFFICERS

5.5.1 ETTU has an Athletes Commission, elected by the athletes, and an Audit Commission elected by the Congress.

5.5.2 Committees, Officials, Officers, working groups and panels may be appointed with, as a general rule, the following duties and tasks:

- to deal with one or more particular aspects of the activities;
- to advise and assist the Executive Board and the Secretary General on all practical and organisational issues related to those particular aspects of the activities, for which they are responsible.

5.5.3 The following Committees, Officials and Officers shall be appointed:
Coaches Committee,
Gender Equality Committee,
Para Table Tennis Committee,
Ranking Committee,
Technical Committee,
Umpires and Referees Committee,
Veterans Committee,
Youth Committee,
Club Competitions Official,
Medical and Anti-Doping Official,
Medical and Sport Science Committee,
Welfare Officer.

5.5.4 The number of persons serving as members on each Committee shall be determined by the Executive Board before the nomination of Committee members. All persons appointed as a Committee member, Official or Officer shall serve for a four (4) years term and shall be eligible for re-appointment. The underrepresented gender shall represent at least 30% of the Committee members.

5.5.5 Committees shall normally conduct their business by correspondence.

5.5.6 The chair of each Committee, the Officials and the Officers shall submit to the Executive Board an annual report of activities, drawing attention to any recommendations that the Committee or Official wishes to make; acceptance of the report shall not automatically imply acceptance of such recommendations.

5.6 ELIGIBILITY FOR OFFICE

5.6.1 Nominations for President, Deputy President, Vice President for Finance, the Vice Presidents, ETTU members of the ITTF Council, Officials, Officers and Committees may be made only by the Association of which the nominee is a member and eligible according to the provisions of 5.1.6.1.

5.6.2 No more than one (1) person from an Association shall be nominated for the Executive Board and no one shall be nominated for more than one (1) post of the Executive Board.

5.6.3 A member of an Association that is in arrears shall not be eligible for election.

5.6.4 All ETTU members of the ITTF Council shall be from different Associations.

5.6.5 No person shall serve at the same time as a member of more than one (1) Committee and no more than five (5) such posts shall be occupied by members of an Association.

5.6.6 No member of the Executive Board shall serve on a Committee.

5.6.7 A person connected in any way with the manufacture, sale or endorsement of table tennis equipment or with consultation on such equipment:

5.6.7.1 shall not be eligible as a member of the Executive Board, with the exception of the Athletes Commission chair;

5.6.7.2 may serve on a Committee but shall withdraw from a meeting or abstain from voting on an issue if so requested by a majority of the meeting that he or she is attending.

5.7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

5.7.1 Members of an ETTU decision-making body shall avoid any situation that could lead to a conflict of interest or perceived conflict of interest. Any actual, perceived or potential conflict of interest shall be declared and action taken by the individual to remove himself/herself from the situation where a conflict may arise. It is the personal responsibility of each person to avoid any case of conflict of interest.

5.7.2 ETTU conflicts of interest policy will set out the procedure for identifying and managing conflicts and potential conflicts of interests or duty affecting all persons involved in the administration of ETTU and its business.

5.8 PROPER CONDUCT

5.8.1 All members of constitutional bodies shall carry out the duties in a proper and independent way, for the best interests of table tennis in Europe, without regard to the particular interests of his/her nominating Association.

5.8.2 Where the Executive Board considers a member of a constitutional body to have committed a gross or serious dereliction of duty or an act of improper conduct, it may, with a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the votes cast:

suspend an elected member of a constitutional body until the next Congress meeting, where the Congress shall take a definitive decision upon the continuation of the suspension;

remove from office an appointed member of a constitutional body and appoint a replacement member for the remaining period of the running term.

5.9 CHANGES TO RULES

5.9.1 Rule change propositions and resolutions may be submitted to the Congress by Associations and the Executive Board.

5.9.2 Rule change propositions to be considered at a Congress shall reach ETTU not later than three (3) months before the date of the Congress.

5.9.3 Amendments to the Constitution and the Regulations shall be made only at a Congress or an Extraordinary Congress.

5.9.4 Details of all rule change propositions shall be published in the agenda of the Congress at which they are to be considered.

5.9.5 The implementation date of each change shall be specified; if there is no such specification, the change shall take effect from 1st January of the following year once a decision is taken.

5.9.6 New Rules and Regulations may be submitted by the Executive Board to the Congress following the procedure as defined in articles 5.9.2-5.9.5. The Executive Board may adopt, amend and withdraw Directives, Guidelines and Internal Directives.

5.9.7 Regulations shall be set up in order to provide overall technical specifications for the organisation of the Events. An Event organised for the first time may be governed solely by Event Directives, in accordance with Article 5.9.8. Where the Executive Board decides to organise a subsequent edition of such Event, Regulations shall be set up for its organisation in accordance with Articles 5.9.2–5.9.5.

5.9.8 Event Directives shall be set up in order to provide organisational specifications for the Events.

5.9.9 Guidelines or Internal Directives shall be set up in order to provide detailed provisions for the practical daily work inside ETTU.

5.9.10 In cases of force majeure, safety, security, political or other exceptional circumstances, the Executive Board may set conditions or restrictions relating to any ETTU competition, which shall apply even where the Regulations or the Event Directives provide otherwise.

5.9.11 In the event of any inconsistency between this Constitution, the Regulations and the Directives, the Constitution shall prevail. In the event of any inconsistency between the Regulations and the Directives, the Regulations shall prevail.

CHAPTER 6. ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES

6.1 MANAGEMENT STAFF

6.1.1 The Executive Board shall appoint management staff on agreed terms and conditions.

6.1.2 A Secretary General shall be appointed by the Executive Board and shall be responsible for the direction and supervision of ETTU's professional structure, programmes and administration.

6.1.3 The Secretary General shall implement the decisions of the Congress and the Executive Board.

6.1.4 The Secretary General shall ensure the proper administration of ETTU and the preparation of meetings of the Congress and the Executive Board.

6.1.5 The Secretary General shall maintain the official records and archives of ETTU and issue all notices and communications required under this Constitution, the Regulations and the Directives.

6.1.6 The Executive Board may delegate, fully or partly, one or more of its duties and responsibilities to the Secretary General.

6.1.7 The Secretary General may appoint a staff member to serve as coordinator of a committee.

6.1.8 The Secretary General shall employ such other staff as are deemed necessary following Executive Board approval, taking into consideration the ETTU annual budget and according to the ETTU open recruitment policy.

6.1.9 The Secretary General may propose a staff member as Deputy Secretary General, to be agreed by Executive Board. The Deputy Secretary General will deputise the Secretary General in its functions in case of unavailability of the Secretary General.

The Secretary General and the Deputy Secretary General form together the General Secretariat.

6.2 ADMINISTRATION

6.2.1 **Office**

6.2.1.1 The ETTU head office shall be in a place appointed by resolution of the Congress proposed by the Executive Board.

6.2.2 **Languages**

6.2.2.1 The correspondence and proceedings of ETTU shall be conducted in English.

6.2.2.2 All languages of ETTU members are equally official and representatives shall be entitled to address ETTU meetings in their own language, subject to their provision of interpretation into a working language fixed for use at that meeting.

CHAPTER 7. CONTRACTUAL AND FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

7.1 CONTRACTS

7.1.1 ETTU is legally engaged as follows:

a) for matters with financial implications, by the common signature of the President (or in his/her absence, the Deputy President) and the Vice President for Finance (or in his/her absence, the Secretary General);

b) for matters without financial implications, by the common signature of the President (or in his/her absence, the Deputy President) and the Vice President for Finance or a Vice President or the Secretary General.

7.2 ACCOUNTS

7.2.1 The financial year of ETTU shall be from 1st January to 31st December. The financial accounts shall be held in Euro and shall be managed and comply with the requirements of the accepted European accounting standards applicable.

7.2.2 The Vice President for Finance shall ensure that an annual statement of accounts be prepared, which shall be subject to an annual audit by professional auditors, following the international standards and that a yearly estimate of income and expenditure (budget) be presented.

7.2.3 The auditor shall be appointed by the Congress, for a term of four (4) years, and shall be eligible for re-appointment.

7.2.4 The bank accounts of ETTU shall be held at banks appointed by resolution of the Executive Board.

7.2.5 The power of signature on ETTU bank accounts should be restricted to ETTU operational staff and decided by the Executive Board. Individual signatures on any ETTU bank account shall be avoided.

7.3 AUDIT COMMISSION

7.3.1 The Audit Commission shall be composed of at least three (3) members from three (3) different Associations elected by the Congress.

7.3.1.1 The members of the Audit Commission shall elect a Chair from among themselves.

7.3.2 The financial statements shall be subject to an internal audit by the Audit Commission. The Commission shall make a report of its activities to the Congress.

7.4 SUBSCRIPTIONS

7.4.1 Each Association shall pay an annual subscription as determined by the Congress.

7.4.1.1 The maximum annual subscription payable by a Member Association shall not exceed EUR 1,000.

7.4.2 The first subscription shall be paid with the application for membership and subsequent subscriptions shall be due within 30 days after reception of the invoice.

7.4.3 An Association shall be in arrears if its subscription, entry fees, levies and all other due invoices have not been paid by 31st December of the year in which it is due.

7.4.4 An “Association in arrears”:

- shall not have voting right at a Congress if the debts have not been settled in full before the start of the Congress date.

- shall not benefit from any of the rights as laid down in articles 2.4.1.1-2.4.1.6. if the debts have not been settled in full before the respective (registration, nomination etc) deadlines.

CHAPTER 8. JUDICIAL PROVISIONS

8.1 JUDICIAL BODIES

8.1.1 The following bodies of ETTU have judicial powers:

the Congress and the Extraordinary Congress,
the Executive Board,
the Secretary General,
the Club Competitions Official,
the Jury (at competitions)
the Board of Appeal.

8.2 PROCEDURAL RULES APPLICABLE TO THE JUDICIAL BODIES

8.2.1 The judicial bodies of ETTU shall provide fair procedures to all parties involved and shall respect their fundamental rights. They recognise in particular:

8.2.1.1 that any person acting with ETTU will not participate in any interaction which could influence an outcome or decision relative to any specific matter if the person has a conflict of interest according to the ITTF Code of Ethics;

8.2.1.2 the right of the person or Association to know the charge and to examine the relevant file;

8.2.1.3 the right to know the sanctions which might be imposed;

8.2.1.4 the right to be heard, to present a defence, to produce evidence and to be assisted by counsel at their own expense;

8.2.1.5 the right to present an appeal to any judicial decision.

8.3 BOARD OF APPEAL

8.3.1 The Congress shall elect up to ten (10) members of the Board of Appeal, subject to a minimum of five (5). The members shall have a juridical education or experience in juridical matters; the Executive Board appoints a member with a juridical qualification as chair.

8.3.2 A member of the Board of Appeal shall not hold nor take a position in the other judicial bodies nor in any other constitutional body.

8.3.3 The chair appoints at least three (3) of the members to each case brought forward to the Board of Appeal.

8.3.4 The seat of the Board of Appeal is set in the ETTU head office.

8.3.5 The Board of Appeal is provided with the power to take final decision at ETTU level on any appeal put forward against a decision taken by the judicial bodies in ETTU.

8.3.6 The provisions and rules governing the legal procedures of the Board of Appeal are specified in annex A: rules governing the legal procedure of the Board of Appeal and annex B: catalogue of disciplinary sanctions, and the annexes are to be considered as an integral part of the Constitution.

8.4. COURT OF ARBITRATION FOR SPORT (CAS)

8.4.1 ETTU recognises the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) with headquarters in Lausanne (Switzerland) to resolve disputes arising from this Constitution or other ETTU rules and regulations, as well as decisions of ETTU which have already been settled or cannot be settled by the ETTU appeals process. The parties concerned shall undertake to comply with the Statutes and procedural rules of this Court of Arbitration for Sport and to accept and enforce its decisions, which are final.

CHAPTER 9. FINAL PROVISIONS

9.1 DISSOLUTION

9.1.1 ETTU shall not be dissolved other than at a Dissolution Congress specially convened for the purpose.

9.1.2 The balance of funds in hand at the time of dissolution shall be divided equally among the Associations not at that time in arrears.

9.2 CONCLUDING PROVISION

9.2.1 This Constitution was approved effective 1st January 2020 by the ETTU Congress at Nantes France, 4th September 2019 and updated at the following ETTU Congresses:
ETTU Extraordinary Congress at Cluj-Napoca, Romania, 2nd October 2021
ETTU Congress at Cluj-Napoca, Romania, 2nd October 2021
ETTU Congress at Munich, Germany, 20th August 2022
ETTU Congress at Malmö, Sweden, 13th September 2023
ETTU Congress at Linz, Austria, 17th October 2024
ETTU Congress at Zadar, Croatia, 15th October 2025
ETTU Congress at Ljubljana, Slovenia, 13th October 2026

Note 1
Pursuant to the relating unanimous decision of the Congress at its Meeting on 27th April 1997 in Manchester England, ETTU has been incorporated in Luxembourg as a non-profit-making association (' association sans but lucrative', abbreviated as 'a.s.b.l.').
The Luxembourg law of 7th August 2023, entered into force on 23rd September 2023 concerning the non-profit-making associations and foundations, is applicable.

Following the deposit and the registration of the Constitution, the address of the Seat and the list of the member Associations, with the head of the Luxembourg 'Registre de Commerce et des Sociétés', ETTU has been granted civil and juridical personality as from 19th February 1993 (date on which the Constitution has been published in the Luxembourg 'MEMORIAL - Recueil Spécial des Sociétés et Associations').

In order to uphold the civil and juridical personality of ETTU, the Secretary General shall notify the head of the Luxembourg 'Registre de Commerce et des Sociétés' of all changes to the Constitution, to the Seat, to the list of the member Associations as well as to the members of the Executive Board or to their addresses, latest within three months after the Congress Meeting where the relating changes have been decided or ratified.

Ensure the publication in the Luxembourg 'MEMORIAL - Recueil Spécial des Sociétés et Associations' of all amendments to the Constitution, latest within three months after the effective validation date of the adopted amendments.

Annex A

Rules governing the legal procedure of the Board of Appeal

The Board (BoA) may respectively:

1. Competencies
1.1.
- confirm, reject or modify a juridical decision made by one of the ETTU judicial bodies,
- consider questions of interpretation of the Constitution or the Regulations, so far as such questions arise in a case brought forward to the Board.

1.2 Any Member Association or, in the case of a Club-Event, any club affiliated to a Member Association is entitled to lodge a case either on its own behalf or on behalf of one of its members, as e.g. an official or a player affiliated to it or being otherwise under its authority.

1.3 The claims of the parties are not binding on the BoA, which may alter a decision even to the disadvantage of the party lodging the appeal or of any other party.

1.4 The decisions of the BoA shall be final on ETTU level and binding to all parties concerned.

1.5 An appeal shall have no delaying effect, except for financial matters and for fines.

2. Holding court
The BoA shall hold court whenever its Chair considers it either necessary or required according to relevant regulations. The Chair appoints the members for each case taking into consideration, that there will be no conflict of interest for the members to make a judgement in the case. At least three members have to be appointed in each case.

3. Language
In relation with a lodged case, the BoA as well as all other parties concerned by or involved in the case shall make use exclusively of the official Language.

4. Challenge of Judges
If the nominating Member Association of a member of the Board or a club of this nominating Member Association is involved in a case or if there of other reasons can be anticipated a conflict of interests, then the member concerned shall not take part in the procedure to settle the case or in the relating decision making process.

5. Time limits and deadlines
A case lodged to the BoA by either a Member Association or a club, appealing against a juridical decision made by one of the ETTU judicial bodies, shall be submitted to the Secretariat within 8 days after receipt of the decision/notification from the respective judicial body.
At the time of lodging a case, the lodging party shall simultaneously submit to the Secretariat all supporting documents and arguments relevant for and concerning the case.

6. Conformity issues
Upon the relating decision of the Board Chair, a case may not be accepted, if it is not submitted in conformity with the provisions of the Constitution, the Regulations or the present rules.
A case will not be accepted if the lodging fee as defined under 7. has not been received within eight (8) days of the submission of the case.

7. Costs
The costs of the procedure of the BoA shall include the actual expenses and the lodging fee of 1,000 EUR. 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.
Principally, actual expenses arising from the BoA process, except for legal assistance, shall be charged to the guilty party in full or in part, according to the judgement of the case. Moreover, a party that by its behavior has caused additional or superfluous expenses may be held responsible for part or all of such expenses, regardless of the judgement.
The BoA shall decide on the cost of the procedure and on the eventual return of the lodging fee. It shall also apportion the costs among the parties as it deems fit. If a frivolous or irresponsible case is lodged, the BoA may as well decide to retain an additional amount of maximum 500 EUR. No payment of interest shall be made on return of the lodging fee.

In any case, the Member Association concerned is responsible for covering the costs of the procedure for any case lodged to the BoA either by itself or by one of its clubs.

8. Preliminary procedure

The preliminary part of the proceedings shall be in writing, the BoA Chair being responsible for the compilation of the case.
As all the parties concerned by a case must have the possibility to examine the documents and
arguments relating to the case, the case file shall at least contain the following:
a) the lodging application;
b) a detailed report of the facts;
c) the conclusions and their motivation;
d) the case relevant documents.

9. Reply

The BoA shall inform the parties within thirty (30) days of the case being lodged. The provisions of annex A.8 shall also apply to the reply and the relevant documents which are in hands of the opposing or accused party (parties) shall be attached to this reply as well.

The BoA Chair shall take all necessary steps to speed up the settlement of a case as much as possible.

10. Means of evidence

It is obligatory for any party concerned by or involved in a lodged case to provide the BoA with the whole as well as the correct information on any request of interest and to provide any requested information at the earliest convenience.
The BoA may extend its investigations to include facts that have not been put forward by the parties concerned, but which may have an influence on the judgement of the case.

11. Debates and presence of the parties

Following the exchange of the supporting documents, the BoA Chair shall, if she/he considers it necessary, fix a date for debates at the shortest possible notice.
Any parties concerned by a case shall have the right to be present or represented at the debates of that case, if any, up to the resolution of the

judgement. Only persons officially accredited or nominated by a Member Association or – eventually - by a club shall have the right to represent the Association or the club concerned. The BoA is competent to decide all questions concerning the representation of any party.

The procedure of the BoA as well as its judgement shall also be valid in the absence of one or more of the summoned parties. The parties concerned by a case shall be allowed to express their point of view. The parties may on that occasion complete the conclusions made in their submission.
The BoA may order a confrontation of parties. Any eventual refusal to submit to such confrontation shall be freely judged by the BoA.

If the circumstances so require, the BoA may postpone the debates and decree all measures which it may consider appropriate to enlighten the case. After the oral declarations, the debates are closed and the BoA shall pass its judgement in justice and fairness.

12. Decisions
Decisions shall be taken with the majority of the votes cast.
To be valid, a decision of the BoA must have been taken by at least three (3) of its members.
The members of the BoA are bound to secrecy in so far as the resolutions of the BoA are concerned.

Communication and validity of the judgement:
The BoA judgement shall be sent to the parties concerned in writing.
The BoA judgement shall come into force either with the dispatching of the written communication or on any other date as settled by the BoA. The motivation of the judgement shall be briefly confirmed in writing.
The BoA may make public and briefly motivate decisions concerning matters of principle or particularly relevant cases.

13. Revision of the judgement
Parties involved in a case settled by the BoA may request a revision of the relating judgement if new facts or new circumstances have emerged. This request, including detailed information, has to be sent to the BoA Chair, who shall decide upon the appropriateness of a new settlement of the case.
The decisions of the BoA shall be final and binding to all parties concerned at ETTU level.
The decisions of the BoA may only be appealed at the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS).

Annex B

Catalogue of Disciplinary Sanctions

1. General provisions

1.1 Member Associations, clubs, club teams, players and coaches, as well as umpires and other persons fulfilling an official task at a Competition (= officials) shall all behave in accordance with the principles of loyalty, integrity and sporting spirit.

1.2 Any Member Association, club, club team, player, coach or official may be sanctioned in the case of a violation of the Constitution, the Regulations or the official decisions of relevant Authorities.

1.3 In any case, any Member Association is fully responsible for the clubs, club teams, players, coaches, officials and other persons representing it, affiliated to it or otherwise under its authority.

1.4 The judicial bodies may impose disciplinary measures and sanctions according to their jurisdiction after the Constitution and regulations either to the present 'Catalogue of Disciplinary Sanctions' or to other relevant Regulations.

2. Disciplinary sanctions in direct connection with Competitions

2.1 Protests and appeals at competitions shall be made to the judicial body as defined in the respective regulation.

2.2 Any serious infringement upon ITTF or ETTU Regulations or rules, committed by a team, a player, a coach or an official, and which in the opinion of the referee, the organiser or the Jury of a Competition is of such a gravity to require a disciplinary sanction or another follow-up action, shall be brought to the knowledge of the Executive Board.

2.3 In disciplinary matters, ETTU shall generally follow the ITTF policy, i.e. to disqualify the trespasser (team, player, coach, official) from the running Competition concerned and to report the case to its/his/her nominating Association, which shall take an appropriate action and/or impose an

appropriate sanction, and to apply the respective competition's regulation, if applicable.

3. Disciplinary sanctions by the Executive Board

3.1 In addition to the cases mentioned in 2 of this Catalogue, the following offences shall as well be subject to disciplinary action by the Executive Board:
i) according to Constitution 1.3.3.1: appropriate disciplinary, when a complaint of harassment has been substantiated;
ii) according to Constitution 5.2.1: sanctions for inappropriate conducts and violation of the Constitution and Regulations which are not expressly attributed to another body within the ETTU
and
a) a non-compliance with or a violation of official decisions, taken by relevant Authorities according to the Constitution and Regulations;
b) the supply on purpose of false or incomplete information to the Executive Board or to a Juridical Board in a case or an appeal brought forward;
c) any other unreasonable conduct which may bring the table tennis sport, ETTU, a Member Association or a club affiliated to a Member Association into disrepute;
d) any other non-conformity with or violation of ITTF and/or ETTU Regulations.
In the case of, a full report of the facts, including the names and addresses of all persons concerned by the case as well as of any witnesses, shall be sent to the Secretariat.

3.2 The disciplinary sanctions which may be imposed by either the Executive Board or the judicial bodies to Member Associations, clubs, club teams, players, coaches or officials are:
a) a warning;
b) a financial fine;
c) a disqualification;
d) a suspension (*).
(*) according to the relating provisions of the Constitution, an eventual suspension of a Member Association by the Executive Board shall be confirmed and endorsed by a relating decision to be taken by the Congress at its next following Meeting.

Doping cases are regulated separately.

1 B.1. INTERNATIONAL ELIGIBILITY

The ITTF eligibility regulations for World Title events shall apply to all ETTU team and individual Events, except as provided in the chapters B.1.1. to B.1.4.

2 B.1.1. European Veterans Championships

A player shall register with the Organising Committee under the name of the country of which he/she is a national and in which an ETTU Member Association has the authority. If requested by the Organising Committee or the referee, the player shall provide documentary evidence of his/her eligibility.

3 B.1.2. European Youth Continental Title Events

A player shall be eligible to represent in the European Youth Continental Title Events a Member Association having jurisdiction in a country, if:

a) the player either

a.1. is a national of that country;

a.2. has been born in that country without being a national of it;

a.3. is resident in that country since at least five consecutive years (the concerned player shall provide official documentary evidence of his/her residence, if so required by ETTU);

and

b) the player has never before represented any other *Member Association* in any Olympic, World or Continental Title event.

4 B.1.3. Europe Youth TOP 10

Only players eligible to represent a Member Association in the European Youth Championships are eligible to participate in the Europe Youth TOP 10.

5 B.1.4. European Club Competitions

The European Club Competitions eligibility is regulated separately in the respective European Club Competitions directives.

CI EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS (Individual events)

CI.1 AUTHORITY FOR ORGANISATION

CI.1.1 The championships shall be organised by one member Association appointed by the ETTU Executive Board.
In even-numbered years, the championships shall include men's singles, women's singles, men's doubles, women's doubles and mixed doubles events.

CI.1.2 **Application Procedure and Decision**

CI.1.2.1 Any Association wishing to organise the championships shall send a written application to the Secretary General.

CI.1.2.2 The following conditions have to be acknowledged:

- The closing date for applications shall be specified by the Executive Board and notified to all Associations.
- Applications must be in line with the relevant Regulations and Directives.
- All details of organisation must be included in the presentation of the venue to the Executive Board, on the basis of the directives for presentations.

CI.1.2.3 The Regulations and the Directives and the directives for presentations are available on the ETTU website.

CI.1.2.4 The Executive Board shall appoint the organising Association, after the evaluation of the presentations held by the applicants.

CI.1.2.5 The championships shall be organised according to the provisions of a contract between ETTU and the organising Association to be signed no later than 8 months before the start of the event.

CI.1.3 In case the European Championships is part of a Multisport event, a separate directive or regulation will be established for validation.

CI.2 RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS

CI.2.1 All international TV, Internet, equipment, advertising and marketing rights are vested in the ETTU. The exact distribution of responsibilities in these sectors shall be stated in the Directives and finally laid down in the contract between ETTU and the organising Association.

CI.2.2 All gate receipts belong to the organising Association.

CI.3 QUALIFICATION

CI.3.1 The championships shall be open for entry to all member Associations whose subscriptions are not in arrears.

CI.3.2 All players shall be eligible to represent their Associations in accordance with the provisions of article B.1.

CI.4 EVENTS

CI.4.1 The championships shall include 5 individual events: men's singles, women's singles, men's doubles, women's doubles and mixed doubles.

CI.5 ENTRY FEES AND LEVIES

CI.5.1 There shall be, payable to the ETTU, a levy of 25.000 € for the championships on the organising Association as well as an entry fee of 100€ for each player of participating Associations.

CI.5.2 All Associations that fail to arrive at the European Championships without notification in writing to the organising Association and the ETTU will be fined by the ETTU with an amount of up to 5,000 € and entry into the next European Championships will only be accepted if payment for entry fees and hospitality charges are made in full to the organisers at the same time as the entry form.

Cl.5.3 The entry fees and levies as well as other pre-payment will not be refunded if an Association fails to arrive at the European Championships.

Cl.6 ENTRIES

Cl.6.1 Numbers

Cl.6.1.1 In singles events each Association shall be entitled to enter according to the results of the previous year's European Championships team events final stage and 2nd stage as follows:

Associations in positions 1-8: 5 players
Associations in positions 9-16: 4 players
Associations in positions 17-24: 3 players
6 best placed Associations not proceeding to the final stage (from European Team Championships Stage 1): 3 players
All remaining Associations: 2 players
Host Association: 5 players

In case of vacant places, the allocation principle and procedure will be confirmed in the directives or prospectus.

The winner, runner up and losing semi-finalists of the European Under 21 Championships singles events as well as the U19 winner of the Europe Youth Top10, will receive automatic places in the following European Championships (Individual events). These places will be in addition to the places each Association shall be entitled to enter according to the results of the previous year's European Championships team events.

Cl.6.1.2 In doubles events the maximum entry for each Association shall be 4 players for men's doubles, 4 players for women's doubles and 2 men and 2 women players for mixed doubles; all players may be different. Doubles pairs may be formed by players from different Associations.

Cl.6.2 Entry Forms

Cl.6.2.1 The Prospectus shall be agreed by the organising Association and ETTU and shall be distributed to all member Associations.

Cl.6.2.2 Associations have to enter all their participants at the championships through the online entry system determined by the ETTU. The online entry system will include a statement, to be agreed by an official of the nominating Association on behalf of its players and coaches, that they understand and accept the conditions of the championships, that they are prepared to compete against all other Associations participating, that each registered person agrees to the ETTU privacy policy and that they are insured fully against illness and injury for the duration of the championships.

Cl.6.3 Modification

Cl.6.3.1 Associations are allowed to modify their online entries (no additional entries are allowed) only up to the relating deadline announced in the Prospectus (principally 5 working days before the start of the championships). After this deadline no further changes are allowed anymore. In case of late non-availability of any player after the relating deadline the Secretary General may allow up to the first jury meeting Associations to replace a non-available player by another player.

Cl.7 HOSPITALITY *(does not apply in case of participation in the multisport event)*

Cl.7.1 The organising Association shall cover 100% of the cost of hospitality, on a double occupancy basis, from the evening before the championships begin until the morning after they end for up to 3 persons (1 male player, 1 female player and a non-playing coach) of an Association that has entered.

Cl.7.2 The organising Association shall provide free hospitality from the evening before the ETTU Congress until the morning after the ETTU Congress for 1 delegate from each Association attending the ETTU Congress during the championships. A delegate, nominated by an Association to attend the ETTU Congress and receiving free hospitality, not attending the ETTU Congress shall be required to reimburse the organising Association.

Cl.7.3 The organising Association shall provide free hospitality from the evening before the championships begin until the morning after they end for

Cl.7.3.1 the Executive Board members, the ETTU Sub-Committee Chairs, the Club Competitions, Press and Medical Officials or their deputies, the Competition Manager, the Honorary Members and 6 ETTU staff members;

Cl.7.3.2 all invited foreign referees and umpires.

Cl.7.4 The organising Association shall provide free hospitality for all referees from the evening two days before the championships begin until the morning after they end, plus the travel expenses.

Cl.7.5 The costs of hospitality for persons not entitled to free hospitality, shall be agreed at least 6 months in advance by the ETTU Executive Board, and shall be subject to a contract between ETTU and the organising Association.

Cl.7.6 The participating Associations have to use the accommodation provided by the organising Association. The hospitality costs include:

- accommodation in a high-level hotel (checked by ETTU),
- all meals of high quality,
- the return transportation from the nearest international airport/railway station to the hotel and venue,
- the shuttle bus transportation during the competition hall/hotel,
- the accreditation to the competition with guaranteed seats for the final matches.

Cl.7.7 The organising Association shall provide free hospitality for the ETTU Competition Manager for the inspection visit and when the draw is conducted.

Cl.7.8 Cancellation fees

Cl.7.8.1 An Association cancelling a person from their registered delegation after the deadline of the final entries and up to 15 days before the championships starts has to pay a cancellation fee of 100 € per person to the organising Association.

Cl.7.8.2 An Association cancelling a person from their registered delegation during the last 14 days before the championships or arriving with less persons than registered, has to pay 100 % of the hospitality costs for every person and for the whole period this person was initially registered.

Cl.8 THE DRAW

Cl.8.1 Representatives of Associations participating shall be entitled to attend the draw, which shall be conducted by either the Referee, the ETTU Ranking Committee Chair or the ETTU Competition Manager, in close co-operation with each other.

Cl.9 JURY

Cl.9.1 The Jury shall consist of the Competition Manager, the Chairs of the Ranking, Umpires and Referees, and the Technical Committee or their deputies. In addition, there shall be a representative of the organising Association, the ETTU Secretary General or a representative of the Executive Board and the Referee or deputy.

Cl.9.2 The chair of the Jury shall be the Chair of the Technical Committee. If the chair of the Technical Committee is not available, the ETTU Executive Board will appoint the chair among the Jury members.

Cl.9.3 All members of the Jury shall have the right to vote.

Cl.9.4 The Jury shall meet on the eve of the championships and at any other time when necessary.

Cl.9.5 The Jury shall have the judicial power for any matter arising during the Championship. Any protest or appeal which is not under the authority of the Referee shall be submitted to the chair of the Jury.

Cl.10 SYSTEM OF PLAY

Cl.10.1 There shall not be more than 64 places in the first round proper of a singles event nor more than 32 places in the first round proper of the men's doubles, women's doubles and mixed doubles events, unless otherwise authorised by the ETTU Executive Board.

Cl.10.2 In singles events 32 seeded players shall be directly placed in the first round proper. All remaining players shall play in a qualification stage, played in groups of maximum 4 players.

Cl.10.3 In doubles events 16 seeded pairs shall be directly placed in the first round proper. All remaining pairs shall play in a knockout qualification stage.

Cl.10.4 All singles matches in the main draw shall be the best of 7 games, all singles matches in the qualification stage shall be the best of 5 games, all men's doubles, women's doubles and mixed doubles matches shall be the best of 5 games.

Cl.10.5 All mixed doubles matches shall be the best of 5 games.

Cl.11 REFEREES AND UMPIRES

Cl.11.1 Latest 6 months before the event, the ETTU Umpires and Referees Committee shall send to the Secretary General for the Executive Board's approval the proposal for appointing a Referee, and at the latest 4 months before, for one or more Deputy Referees. All these officials shall be International Referees from an ETTU member Association. If available at least one member of the referee team shall be from the organising Association. All referees shall arrive at the venue two days before the start of the event.

Cl.11.2 All umpires shall be International Umpires. At least 1/3 of the total of umpires needed shall be from foreign ETTU member Associations. Not later than 5 months before the event, the ETTU Umpires and Referees Committee, after coordination with the organising Association, will post a call for umpires interested to officiate at the event on the ETTU website, and will send respective invitations to all European Associations. Together with the organising Association, the ETTU Umpires and Referees Committee will formulate a list of the appointed umpires. The decisions of the ETTU URC are final. No later than three months before the event, the ETTU shall inform the Associations about the selections and post the list on the ETTU website. For

all matches during the championships, the umpires shall be from Associations other than those of the players in the match.

Cl.11.3 All invited foreign officials shall receive from the organising Association a daily allowance in accordance with the ETTU Match Officials directives.

Cl.12 DOPING CONTROL

Cl.12.1 Doping control shall be carried out in accordance with ITTF Anti-Doping rules.

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CI EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS (Individual events)

CI.1 AUTHORITY FOR ORGANISATION

CI.1.1 The championships shall be organised by one member Association appointed by the ETTU Executive Board.
In even-numbered years, the championships shall include men's singles, women's singles, men's doubles, women's doubles and mixed doubles events.

CI.1.2 **Application Procedure and Decision**

CI.1.2.1 Any Association wishing to organise the championships shall send a written application to the Secretary General.

CI.1.2.2 The following conditions have to be acknowledged:

- The closing date for applications shall be specified by the Executive Board and notified to all Associations.
- Applications must be in line with the relevant Regulations and Directives.
- All details of organisation must be included in the presentation of the venue to the Executive Board, on the basis of the directives for presentations.

CI.1.2.3 The Regulations and the Directives and the directives for presentations are available on the ETTU website.

CI.1.2.4 The Executive Board shall appoint the organising Association, after the evaluation of the presentations held by the applicants.

CI.1.2.5 The championships shall be organised according to the provisions of a contract between ETTU and the organising Association to be signed no later than 8 months before the start of the event.

CI.1.3 In case the European Championships is part of a Multisport event, a separate directive or regulation will be established for validation.

CI.2 RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS

CI.2.1 All international TV, Internet, equipment, advertising and marketing rights are vested in the ETTU. The exact distribution of responsibilities in these sectors shall be stated in the Directives and finally laid down in the contract between ETTU and the organising Association.

CI.2.2 All gate receipts belong to the organising Association.

CI.3 QUALIFICATION

CI.3.1 The championships shall be open for entry to all member Associations whose subscriptions are not in arrears.

CI.3.2 All players shall be eligible to represent their Associations in accordance with the provisions of article B.1.

CI.4 EVENTS

CI.4.1 The championships shall include 5 individual events: men's singles, women's singles, men's doubles, women's doubles and mixed doubles.

CI.5 ENTRY FEES AND LEVIES

CI.5.1 There shall be, payable to the ETTU, a levy of 30.000 € for the championships on the organising Association as well as an entry fee of 100€ for each player of participating Associations.

CI.5.2 All Associations that fail to arrive at the European Championships without notification in writing to the organising Association and the ETTU will be fined by the ETTU with an amount of up to 5,000 € and entry into the next European Championships will only be accepted if payment for entry fees and hospitality charges are made in full to the organisers at the same time as the entry form.

Cl.5.3 The entry fees and levies as well as other pre-payment will not be refunded if an Association fails to arrive at the European Championships.

Cl.6 ENTRIES

Cl.6.1 Numbers

Cl.6.1.1 In singles events each Association shall be entitled to enter according to the results of the previous year's European Championships team events final stage and 2nd stage as follows:

Associations in positions 1-8: 5 players
Associations in positions 9-16: 4 players
Associations in positions 17-24: 3 players
6 best placed Associations not proceeding to the final stage (from European Team Championships Stage 1): 3 players
All remaining Associations: 2 players
Host Association: 5 players

In case of vacant places, the allocation principle and procedure will be confirmed in the directives or prospectus.

The winner, runner up and losing semi-finalists of the European Under 21 Championships singles events as well as the U19 winner of the Europe Youth Top10, will receive automatic places in the following European Championships (Individual events). These places will be in addition to the places each Association shall be entitled to enter according to the results of the previous year's European Championships team events.

Cl.6.1.2 In doubles events the maximum entry for each Association shall be 4 players for men's doubles, 4 players for women's doubles and 2 men and 2 women players for mixed doubles; all players may be different. Doubles pairs may be formed by players from different Associations.

Cl.6.2 Entry Forms

Cl.6.2.1 The Prospectus shall be agreed by the organising Association and ETTU and shall be distributed to all member Associations.

Cl.6.2.2 Associations have to enter all their participants at the championships through the online entry system determined by the ETTU. The online entry system will include a statement, to be agreed by an official of the nominating Association on behalf of its players and coaches, that they understand and accept the conditions of the championships, that they are prepared to compete against all other Associations participating, that each registered person agrees to the ETTU privacy policy and that they are insured fully against illness and injury for the duration of the championships.

Cl.6.3 Modification

Cl.6.3.1 Associations are allowed to modify their online entries (no additional entries are allowed) only up to the relating deadline announced in the Prospectus (principally 5 working days before the start of the championships). After this deadline no further changes are allowed anymore. In case of late non-availability of any player after the relating deadline the Secretary General may allow up to the first jury meeting Associations to replace a non-available player by another player.

Cl.7 HOSPITALITY *(does not apply in case of participation in the multisport event)*

Cl.7.1 The organising Association shall cover 100% of the cost of hospitality, on a double occupancy basis, from the evening before the championships begin until the morning after they end for up to 3 persons (1 male player, 1 female player and a non-playing coach) of an Association that has entered.

Cl.7.2 The organising Association shall provide free hospitality from the evening before the ETTU Congress until the morning after the ETTU Congress for 1 delegate from each Association attending the ETTU Congress during the championships. A delegate, nominated by an Association to attend the ETTU Congress and receiving free hospitality, not attending the ETTU Congress shall be required to reimburse the organising Association.

Cl.7.3 The organising Association shall provide free hospitality from the evening before the championships begin until the morning after they end for

Cl.7.3.1 the Executive Board members, the ETTU Sub-Committee Chairs, the Club Competitions, Press and Medical Officials or their deputies, the Competition Manager, the Honorary Members and 6 ETTU staff members;

Cl.7.3.2 all invited foreign referees and umpires.

Cl.7.4 The organising Association shall provide free hospitality for all referees from the evening two days before the championships begin until the morning after they end, plus the travel expenses.

Cl.7.5 The costs of hospitality for persons not entitled to free hospitality, shall be agreed at least 6 months in advance by the ETTU Executive Board, and shall be subject to a contract between ETTU and the organising Association.

Cl.7.6 The participating Associations have to use the accommodation provided by the organising Association. The hospitality costs include:

- accommodation in a high-level hotel (checked by ETTU),
- all meals of high quality,
- the return transportation from the nearest international airport/railway station to the hotel and venue,
- the shuttle bus transportation during the competition hall/hotel,
- the accreditation to the competition with guaranteed seats for the final matches.

Cl.7.7 The organising Association shall provide free hospitality for the ETTU Competition Manager for the inspection visit and when the draw is conducted.

Cl.7.8 Cancellation fees

Cl.7.8.1 An Association cancelling a person from their registered delegation after the deadline of the final entries and up to 15 days before the championships starts has to pay a cancellation fee of 100 € per person to the organising Association.

Cl.7.8.2 An Association cancelling a person from their registered delegation during the last 14 days before the championships or arriving with less persons than registered, has to pay 100 % of the hospitality costs for every person and for the whole period this person was initially registered.

Cl.8 THE DRAW

Cl.8.1 Representatives of Associations participating shall be entitled to attend the draw, which shall be conducted by either the Referee, the ETTU Ranking Committee Chair or the ETTU Competition Manager, in close co-operation with each other.

Cl.9 JURY

Cl.9.1 The Jury shall consist of the Competition Manager, the Chairs of the Ranking, Umpires and Referees, and the Technical Committee or their deputies. In addition, there shall be a representative of the organising Association, the ETTU Secretary General or a representative of the Executive Board and the Referee or deputy.

Cl.9.2 The chair of the Jury shall be the Chair of the Technical Committee. If the chair of the Technical Committee is not available, the ETTU Executive Board will appoint the chair among the Jury members.

Cl.9.3 All members of the Jury shall have the right to vote.

Cl.9.4 The Jury shall meet on the eve of the championships and at any other time when necessary.

Cl.9.5 The Jury shall have the judicial power for any matter arising during the Championship. Any protest or appeal which is not under the authority of the Referee shall be submitted to the chair of the Jury.

Cl.10 SYSTEM OF PLAY

Cl.10.1 There shall not be more than 64 places in the first round proper of a singles event nor more than 32 places in the first round proper of the men's doubles, women's doubles and mixed doubles events, unless otherwise authorised by the ETTU Executive Board.

Cl.10.2 In singles events 32 seeded players shall be directly placed in the first round proper. All remaining players shall play in a qualification stage, played in groups of maximum 4 players.

Cl.10.3 In doubles events 16 seeded pairs shall be directly placed in the first round proper. All remaining pairs shall play in a knockout qualification stage.

Cl.10.4 All singles matches in the main draw shall be the best of 7 games, all singles matches in the qualification stage shall be the best of 5 games, all men's doubles, women's doubles and mixed doubles matches shall be the best of 5 games.

Cl.10.5 All mixed doubles matches shall be the best of 5 games.

Cl.11 REFEREES AND UMPIRES

Cl.11.1 Latest 6 months before the event, the ETTU Umpires and Referees Committee shall send to the Secretary General for the Executive Board's approval the proposal for appointing a Referee, and at the latest 4 months before, for one or more Deputy Referees. All these officials shall be International Referees from an ETTU member Association. If available at least one member of the referee team shall be from the organising Association. All referees shall arrive at the venue two days before the start of the event.

Cl.11.2 All umpires shall be International Umpires. At least 1/3 of the total of umpires needed shall be from foreign ETTU member Associations. Not later than 5 months before the event, the ETTU Umpires and Referees Committee, after coordination with the organising Association, will post a call for umpires interested to officiate at the event on the ETTU website, and will send respective invitations to all European Associations. Together with the organising Association, the ETTU Umpires and Referees Committee will formulate a list of the appointed umpires. The decisions of the ETTU URC are final. No later than three months before the event, the ETTU shall inform the Associations about the selections and post the list on the ETTU website. For

all matches during the championships, the umpires shall be from Associations other than those of the players in the match.

Cl.11.3 All invited foreign officials shall receive from the organising Association a daily allowance in accordance with the ETTU Match Officials directives.

Cl.12 DOPING CONTROL

Cl.12.1 Doping control shall be carried out in accordance with ITTF Anti-Doping rules.

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CP EUROPEAN PARA CHAMPIONSHIPS

CP.1 AUTHORITY FOR ORGANISATION

CP.1.1 The championships shall be organised by an Association appointed by the ETTU Executive Board.
In odd-numbered years, the championships shall include men's singles, women's singles, men's doubles, women's doubles and mixed doubles events. Classes are laid down in the championship directives.

CP.1.2 **Application Procedure and Decision**

CP.1.2.1 Any Association wishing to organise the championships shall send a written application to the Secretary General.

CP.1.2.2 The following conditions have to be acknowledged:

- The closing date for applications shall be specified by the Executive Board and notified to all Associations.
- Applications must be in line with the relevant Regulations and Directives.
- All details of the organisation must be included in the presentation of the venue to the Executive Board, on the basis of the directives for presentations.

CP.1.2.3 The Regulations and the Directives and the directives for presentations are available on the ETTU website.

CP.1.2.4 The Executive Board shall appoint the organising Association, after the evaluation of the presentations held by the applicants.

CP.1.2.5 The championships shall be organised according to the provisions of a contract between ETTU and the organising Association to be signed no later than 8 months before the start of the event.

CP.1.3 In case the European Para Championships is part of a Multisport event, a separate directive or regulation will be established for validation.

CP.2 RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS

CP.2.1 All international TV, Internet, equipment, advertising and marketing rights are vested in the ETTU. The exact distribution of responsibilities in these sectors shall be stated in the Directives and finally laid down in the contract between ETTU and the organising Association.

CP.2.2 All gate receipts belong to the organising Association.

CP.3 QUALIFICATION

CP.3.1 The championships shall be open for entry to athletes from ETTU European Member Associations Countries who are not in arrears.
The registration will be accepted by an ETTU Member Association or other ETTU registered Organizations.

CP.3.2 All players shall be eligible to represent their Associations in accordance with the provisions of article B.1.

CP.4 EVENTS

CP.4.1 The championships shall include individual events: men's singles, women's singles, men's doubles, women's doubles and mixed doubles.

CP.5 ENTRY FEES AND LEVIES

CP.5.1 There shall be, payable to the ETTU, a levy of 20.000 € for the championships on the organising Association.

CP.5.2 All individuals that fail to arrive at the European Championships without notification in writing to the organising Association and the ETTU, may receive

a fine from ETTU with an amount of up to 1,000 € and entry of its Association into the next European Championships will only be accepted if payment for entry fees and hospitality charges are made in full to the organisers at the same time as the entry form.

CP.5.3 The entry fees and levies, as well as other pre-payment will not be refunded if an Association fails to arrive at the European Championships.

CP.6 ENTRIES

CP.6.1 Numbers

CP.6.1.1 A singles event will be organised if there are 4 or more players from two different Member Associations. Singles events with less than 4 players or with only 1 Member association must be combined.
Only doubles and mixed doubles events with 4 or more pairs will be played, and events with less than 4 pairs must be combined.
All players must be classified before entering the event. During the event no classification of new players.

CP.6.2 Entry Forms

CP.6.2.1 The Prospectus shall be agreed by the organising Association and ETTU and shall be distributed to all Associations.

CP.6.2.2 Associations have to enter all their participants at the championships through the online entry system determined by the ETTU. The online entry system will include a statement, to be agreed by an official of the nominating Association on behalf of its players and coaches, that they understand and accept the conditions of the championships, that they are prepared to compete against all other Associations participating, that each registered person agrees to the ETTU privacy policy and that they are insured fully against illness and injury for the duration of the championships.

CP.6.3 Modification

CP.6.3.1 Associations are allowed to modify their online entries (no additional entries are allowed) only up to the relating deadline announced in the Prospectus (principally 5 working days before the start of the championships). After this deadline, no further changes are allowed anymore. In case of late non-availability of any player after the relating deadline the Secretary General may allow up to the first jury meeting Associations to replace a non-available player by another player.

CP.7 HOSPITALITY *(does not apply in case of participation in the multisport event)*

CP.7.1 The organising Association shall provide free hospitality from the evening before the Championships begin until the morning after they end for 25 ETTU representatives (Executive Board members, Classifier, Staff, and other representatives required for the event organisation).

CP.7.1.2 all invited foreign referees and umpires.

CP.7.2 The organising Association shall provide free hospitality for all referees from the evening two days before the championships begin until the morning after they end, plus the travel expenses.

CP.7.3 The costs of hospitality for persons not entitled to free hospitality, shall be agreed at least 6 months in advance by the ETTU Executive Board, and shall be subject to a contract between ETTU and the organising Association.

CP.7.4 The participating Associations have to use the accommodation provided by the organising Association. The hospitality costs include:

- accommodation in high-level hotels with enough accessible rooms
- all meals of high quality,
- the return transportation from the nearest international airport/railway station to the hotel and venue,
- the shuttle bus transportation during the competition hall/hotel,
- the accreditation to the competition with guaranteed seats for the final matches.

CP.7.5 The organising Association shall provide free hospitality for the ETTU Competition Manager for the inspection visit and when the draw is conducted.

CP.7.6 Cancellation fees

CP.7.6.1 An Association cancelling a person from their registered delegation after the deadline of the final entries and up to 15 days before the championships starts has to pay a cancellation fee of 100 € per person to the organising Association.

CP.7.6.2 An Association cancelling a person from their registered delegation during the last 14 days before the championships or arriving with less persons than registered, has to pay 100 % of the hospitality costs for every person and for the whole period this person was initially registered.

CP.8 THE DRAW

CP.8.1 Representatives of Associations participating shall be entitled to attend the draw, which shall be conducted by either the Referee, the ETTU Ranking Committee Chair or the ETTU Competition Manager, in close co-operation with each other.

CP.9 JURY

CP.9.1 The Jury shall consist of the Competition Manager, the Chairs of the Ranking, Umpires and Referees, and the Para Committee or their deputies and the present Classifier. In addition, there shall be a representative of the organising Association, the ETTU Secretary General or a representative of the Executive Board and the Referee or deputy.

CP.9.2 The Chair of the Jury shall be appointed by the Executive Board from among the members of the Jury.

CP.9.3 All members of the Jury shall have the right to vote.

CP.9.4 The Jury shall meet on the eve of the championships and at any other time when necessary.

CP.9.5 The Jury shall have the judicial power for any matter arising during the Championship. Any protest or appeal which is not under the authority of the Referee shall be submitted to the chair of the Jury.

CP.10 SYSTEM OF PLAY

CP.10.1 All singles matches in the main draw shall be the best of 5 games.

CP.11 REFEREES AND UMPIRES

CP.11.1 Latest 6 months before the event, the ETTU Umpires and Referees Committee shall send to the Secretary General for the Executive Board's approval the proposal for appointing a Referee, and at the latest 4 months before, for one or more Deputy Referees. All these officials shall be International Referees from an ETTU member Association. If available at least one member of the referee team shall be from the organising Association. All referees shall arrive at the venue two days before the start of the event.

CP.11.2 All umpires shall be International Umpires. At least 1/3 of the total of umpires needed shall be from foreign ETTU member Associations. Not later than 5 months before the event, the ETTU Umpires and Referees Committee, after coordination with the organising Association, will post a call for umpires interested to officiate at the event on the ETTU website, and will send respective invitations to all European Associations. Together with the organising Association, the ETTU Umpires and Referees Committee will formulate a list of the appointed umpires. The decisions of the ETTU URC are final. No later than three months before the event, the ETTU shall inform the Associations about the selections and post the list on the ETTU website. For all matches during the championships, the umpires shall be from Associations other than those of the players in the match.

CP.11.3 All invited foreign officials shall receive from the organising Association a daily allowance in accordance with the ETTU Match Officials directives.

CP.12 DOPING CONTROL

CP.12.1 Doping control shall be carried out in accordance with ITTF Anti-Doping rules.

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CT EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS (TEAM EVENTS)

CT 1 INTRODUCTION

CT 1.1 The European Championships (Team Events) shall be played over a period of 1 year in odd-numbered years. It will consist of two stages, the Stage 1 and the Final Stage.

CT 1.2 The Championships shall include men's and women's team events.

CT 2 STAGE 1 AND FINAL STAGE

CT 2.1 **Organisation**

Each stage i.e. Stage 1 and Final Stage, shall be organised by one member Association appointed by the ETTU Executive Board.

Stage 1 shall be played at 1 location over a period of 6 days and the Final Stage shall be played at 1 location over a period of 7 days.

CT 2.2 **Application Procedure and Decision**

CT 2.2.1 Any Association wishing to organise either stage shall send a written application to the Secretary General.

CT 2.2.2 The following conditions have to be acknowledged:

- The closing date for applications shall be specified by the Executive Board and notified to all Associations.
- Applications must be in line with the relevant Regulations and Directives.
- All details of the organisation must be included in the presentation of the venue to the Executive Board.

CT 2.2.3 The Regulations and the Directives are available on the ETTU website.

CT 2.2.4 The Executive Board shall appoint the organising Association(s) for each stage, after the evaluation of the presentations held by the applicants.

CT 2.2.5 Each stage shall be organised according to the provisions of a contract between ETTU and the organising Association to be signed no later than 6 months before the start of the event. The organising Association(s) shall be responsible for conducting the competition(s) in accordance with the Laws of Table Tennis, the ITTF Regulations for International Competitions and the relevant ETTU Regulations and Directives.

CT 2.3. Rights and Obligations

CT 2.3.1 All international TV, Internet, equipment, advertising and marketing rights are vested in the ETTU. The exact distribution of responsibilities in these matters shall be stated in the Directives and finally laid down in the contract between ETTU and the organising Association(s).

CT 3 ENTRY FEES AND LEVIES

CT 3.1 There shall be an entry fee of 1,000 € per registered team into Stage 1.

For team(s) qualified through Stage 1 to the Final Stage, there shall be an additional entry fee of 1,000 € per registered team into Final Stage.

For team(s) directly qualified to the Final Stage, there shall be an entry fee of 2,000 € per registered team into the Final Stage.

CT 3.2 There shall be a Stage 1 organisation levy of 5,000 €, payable by the Organising Association to the ETTU.

CT 3.3 There shall be a Final Stage organisation levy of 20,000 €, payable by the Organising Association to the ETTU.

CT 3.4 Registered teams that fail to arrive at either stage without notification in writing to the organising Association and the ETTU will be fined by the Executive Board with an amount of up to 5,000 €. Entry into the next European Championships will only be accepted if payment for entry fees and hospitality charges are made in full to the organisers at the same time as the entry form.

CT 3.5 The entry fees as well as other pre-payment will not be refunded if an entered Association fails to arrive at either stage of the Championships.

CT 4 ENTRIES

CT 4.1 Each Association shall be entitled to enter up to 5 players in a men's team and up to 5 players in a women's team.

CT 4.2 Entries to Stage 1

CT 4.2.2 Each member Association whose subscriptions are not in arrears and whose team is not qualified to the final stage may enter 1 team in the Men's and/or 1 team in the Women's event.

CT 4.2.3. The closing date of entries for Stage 1 shall be specified by the Executive Board**.**

CT 4.3 Entry to the Final Stage

CT 4.3.1 The Final Stage shall be open for entry to 24 teams for both men's and women's events:

- 18 teams directly qualified from the previous European Championships,
- The host association team in case it is not among the 18 teams qualified and
- 5 or 6 teams which have to qualify through Stage 1.

CT 4.3.2 If a team will not be able to participate the Executive Board shall have the right to fill the vacant place in the Final Stage.

CT 4.4 Entry Forms

CT.4.4.1 The prospectus shall be agreed by the organising Association(s) and ETTU.

CT 4.4.2 Associations have to enter all their participants to each stage through the online entry system determined by the ETTU.
The online entry system will include a statement, to be agreed by an official of the nominating Association on behalf of its players and captains they understand and accept the conditions of the European Championships, confirming they are prepared to compete against all other teams participating, that each registered person agrees to the ETTU privacy policy and that they are insured fully against illness and injury.

CT 4.5 Modification

CT 4.5.1 Associations are allowed to modify their online entries (no additional entries are allowed) only up to the relating deadline announced in the prospectus (principally 5 working days before the start of the final stage). In case of late non-availability of any player after the relating deadline the Secretary General may allow up to the first jury meeting Associations to replace a non-available player by another player.

CT 4.6 Eligibility

CT 4.6.1 All players shall be eligible to represent their Associations in accordance with the provisions of article B.1.

CT 5 SYSTEM OF PLAY

CT 5.1 Stage 1

CT 5.1.2 The teams qualified to the round of 16 of the previous European Championships (Team Events) Final Stage and the 2 winners of the playoff matches will not take part in Stage 1 and will proceed directly to the Final Stage of the Championships. If the team of the host Association is not among the 18 teams directly qualified it will also proceed directly to the Final Stage in addition to the 18 teams qualified.

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- a qualification in groups,
- a main event in groups and
- position matches.

CT 5.1.4 **Qualification groups**

There will be 4, 5 or 6 groups of 5 or 6 teams at each group, depending on the number of entered teams. The matches will be played in a round-robin system. The detailed playing system for the qualification groups will be published as soon as the number of entered teams is known. 16 teams will proceed to the main event of the Stage 1 Championships.

CT 5.1.5 **Main event**

there will be 4 groups of 4 teams. The matches will be played in a round-robin system and the winner of each group will qualify to the Final Stage of the European Championships. The runners-up will play the position matches for 2 more spots at the Final Stage or one more spot in case the host Association is not among the 18 teams qualified from the previous Final Stage of the European Championships.

CT 5.1.6 **Position matches**

All the teams who do not qualify for the main event will play the position matches. The matches will be played in a progressive knock-out system and the matches for all positions shall be played.

CT 5.2 Final Stage

CT 5.2.1 The 24 teams qualified to the Final Stage are entitled to play for the title of European Team Champion.

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There will be 8 groups of 3 teams each. The Ranking Committee will provide the seeding list according to Teams European Ranking.

The draw will be conducted by placing the top 8 teams as No. 1 in groups A, B, C, D, E, F, G and H, respectively. Seeded teams 9-16 will be drawn 4 by 4 to position No2 in the group. Seeded teams 17-24 will be freely drawn to position No 3 in the group.

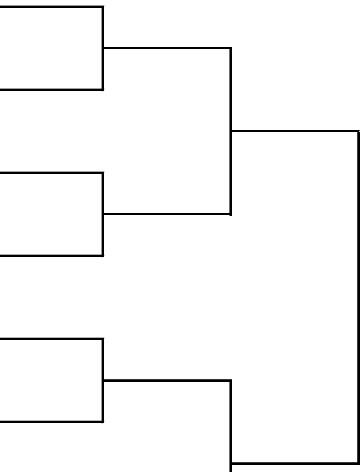
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CT 5.2.3.2 Teams finishing in 3rd positions in the groups will proceed to the playoff matches using the knockout system for the remaining 2 available spots in the Final Stage of the next European Championships.

CT 5.2.4 Representatives of Associations participating shall be entitled to attend the draw, which will be conducted by either the Referee, the ETTU Ranking Committee Chair or the ETTU Competition Manager, in close co-operation with each other.

CT 5.2.5 The winner of the knockout stage becomes European Champion.

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CT 5.3.1 A men or women team line up shall consist of a maximum 3 players.

CT 5.3.2 Each team shall appoint a playing/non-playing captain or a deputy, who shall be present throughout a match.

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CT 5.3.4 One team is considered to be composed of the players A1, A2, A3, and the other team is composed of the players B1, B2, B3.
Before the match, the captains shall decide by lot the right to choose A1-A2-A3 or B1-B2-B3.

CT 5.3.5 The order of play shall be A1 v B1, A2 v B2, A3 v B3, A1 v B2, A2 v B1 and the team match shall end when one team has won 3 individual matches, each the best of 5 games.

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CT 5.4.1 An Association whose team is entered in the draw, for each stage, but fails to compete in the event without adequate justification may be subject to disciplinary action by the ETTU Executive Board.

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accident, illness, injury or other circumstances outside the control of the player or the Association concerned. This includes disqualification by the Referee in accordance with his/her authority.

CT 6. DRAW

CT 6.1 The draw for the Stage 1 qualification groups and Final Stage groups shall take place at least 20 days before the start of each stage and its outcome shall be published on the day of the draw.

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CT 7.2 All umpires shall be International Umpires. At least 1/3 of the total of umpires needed shall be from foreign ETTU member Associations. Not later than 5 months before the event, the ETTU Umpires and Referees Committee, after coordination with the organising Association, will post on the ETTU website a call for umpires interested in officiating at the event. The respective invitations will then be sent to all member Associations. Together with the organising Association, the ETTU Umpires and Referees Committee will formulate a list of the appointed umpires. The decisions of the ETTU URC are final. No later than three months before the event, the ETTU shall inform the Associations about the selections and post the list on the ETTU website. For all matches the umpires shall be from Associations other than those playing in the match.

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CT 8 HOSPITALITY

CT 8.1 All Associations shall cover 100% of their own hospitality costs for all participants, including players and coaches for each stage.

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- accommodation in a high-level hotel (checked by ETTU),
- all meals of high quality,

- the return transportation from the nearest international airport/railway station to the hotel and venue,
- the shuttle bus transportation during the competition hall/hotel,
- the accreditation to the competition with guaranteed seats for the final matches.

CT 8.5 The organising Association at each stage shall provide free hospitality for the ETTU Competition Manager for the inspection visit and when the draw is conducted.

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- 2 ETTU Sub-Committee Chairs,
- Press and Medical Officials or their deputies,
- Competition Manager,
- 6 ETTU staff members
- 10 persons providing different services for ETTU and LOC
- all invited foreign umpires.

CT 8.7 The organising Association of the Final stage shall provide free hospitality from the evening before the ETTU Congress until the morning after the ETTU Congress for 1 delegate from each Association attending the ETTU Congress during the Championships. A delegate, nominated by an Association to attend the ETTU Congress and receiving free hospitality, not attending the ETTU Congress shall be required to reimburse the organising Association.

CT 8.8 The organising Association of the Final stage shall provide free hospitality from the evening before the final stage begins until the morning after the event finishes; for the following:

- Executive Board members,
- ETTU Sub-Committee Chairs,
- Club Competitions Official,
- Press and Medical Officials or their deputies,
- Competition Manager,
- Honorary Members,
- 6 ETTU staff members
- 10 persons providing different services for ETTU and LOC
- 3 members of the Swaythling Club International (SCI)
- 5 ETTU Guests
- ETTU sponsors according to the directives
- all invited foreign umpires.

CT 8.9 Cancellation fees

CT 8.9.1 An Association cancelling a person from their registered delegation, at each stage, after the final entries and up to 15 days before the tournament starts shall pay a cancellation fee of 100 € per person to the organising Association.

CT 8.9.2 An Association cancelling a person from their registered delegation, for each stage, during the last 14 days before the Championships or arriving with less persons than registered, has to pay 100 % of the hospitality costs for every person and for the whole period this person was initially registered.

CT 9 JURY

CT 9.1 The Jury at each stage shall consist of the Competition Manager, the Chairs of the Ranking, Umpires and Referees, and the Technical Committee or their deputies. In addition, there shall be a representative of the organising Association, the ETTU Secretary General or a representative of the Executive Board and the Referee or deputy.

CT 9.2 The chair of the Jury shall be the Chair of the Technical Committee. If the chair of the Technical Committee is not available, the ETTU Executive Board will appoint the chair among the Jury members.

CT 9.3 The Jury shall meet on the eve of the start of each stage and at any other time when necessary.

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CT 10.1 Doping control shall be carried out in accordance with ITTF Anti-Doping rules.

CT EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS (TEAM EVENTS)

CT 1 INTRODUCTION

CT 1.1 The European Championships (Team Events) shall be played over a period of 1 year in odd-numbered years. It will consist of two stages, the Stage 1 and the Final Stage.

CT 1.2 The Championships shall include men's and women's team events.

CT 2 STAGE 1 AND FINAL STAGE

CT 2.1 **Organisation**

Each stage i.e. Stage 1 and Final Stage, shall be organised by one member Association appointed by the ETTU Executive Board.
Stage 1 shall be played at 1 location over a period of 6 days and the Final Stage shall be played at 1 location over a period of 7 days.

CT 2.2 **Application Procedure and Decision**

CT 2.2.1 Any Association wishing to organise either stage shall send a written application to the Secretary General.

CT 2.2.2 The following conditions have to be acknowledged:

- The closing date for applications shall be specified by the Executive Board and notified to all Associations.
- Applications must be in line with the relevant Regulations and Directives.
- All details of the organisation must be included in the presentation of the venue to the Executive Board.

CT 2.2.3 The Regulations and the Directives are available on the ETTU website.

CT 2.2.4 The Executive Board shall appoint the organising Association(s) for each stage, after the evaluation of the presentations held by the applicants.

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CT 2.3. Rights and Obligations

CT 2.3.1 All international TV, Internet, equipment, advertising and marketing rights are vested in the ETTU. The exact distribution of responsibilities in these matters shall be stated in the Directives and finally laid down in the contract between ETTU and the organising Association(s).

CT 3 ENTRY FEES AND LEVIES

CT 3.1 There shall be an entry fee of 1,000 € per registered team into Stage 1.
For team(s) qualified through Stage 1 to the Final Stage, there shall be an additional entry fee of 1,000 € per registered team into Final Stage.
For team(s) directly qualified to the Final Stage, there shall be an entry fee of 2,000 € per registered team into the Final Stage.

CT 3.2 There shall be a Stage 1 organisation levy of 5,000 €, payable by the Organising Association to the ETTU.

CT 3.3 There shall be a Final Stage organisation levy of 30,000 €, payable by the Organising Association to the ETTU.

CT 3.4 Registered teams that fail to arrive at either stage without notification in writing to the organising Association and the ETTU will be fined by the Executive Board with an amount of up to 5,000 €. Entry into the next European Championships will only be accepted if payment for entry fees and hospitality charges are made in full to the organisers at the same time as the entry form.

CT 3.5 The entry fees as well as other pre-payment will not be refunded if an entered Association fails to arrive at either stage of the Championships.

CT 4 ENTRIES

CT 4.1 Each Association shall be entitled to enter up to 5 players in a men's team and up to 5 players in a women's team.

CT 4.2 Entries to Stage 1

CT 4.2.2 Each member Association whose subscriptions are not in arrears and whose team is not qualified to the final stage may enter 1 team in the Men's and/or 1 team in the Women's event.

CT 4.2.3. The closing date of entries for Stage 1 shall be specified by the Executive Board**.**

CT 4.3 Entry to the Final Stage

CT 4.3.1 The Final Stage shall be open for entry to 24 teams for both men's and women's events:

- 18 teams directly qualified from the previous European Championships,
- The host association team in case it is not among the 18 teams qualified and
- 5 or 6 teams which have to qualify through Stage 1.

CT 4.3.2 If a team will not be able to participate the Executive Board shall have the right to fill the vacant place in the Final Stage.

CT 4.4 Entry Forms

CT.4.4.1 The prospectus shall be agreed by the organising Association(s) and ETTU.

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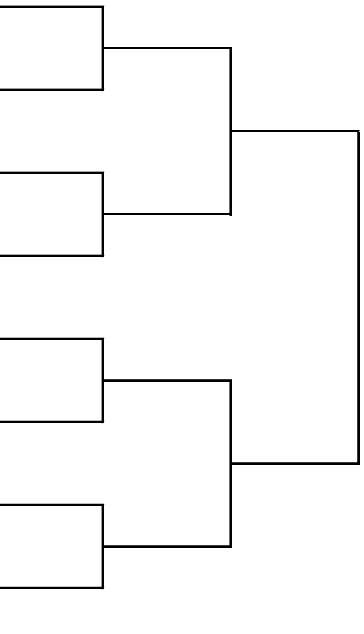
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D EUROPEAN YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

D.1 AUTHORITY FOR ORGANISATION

D.1.1 The championships shall consist of events for Under 19 and for Under 15; they shall be organised by one member Association appointed by the ETTU Executive Board.

D.1.2 Application procedure and decision

D.1.2.1 Any Association wishing to organise the championships shall send a written application to the ETTU Secretary General.

D.1.2.2 The following conditions have to be acknowledged:

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- Applications must be in line with the relevant Regulations and Directives.
- All details of organisation must be included in the presentation of the venue to the Executive Board, on the basis of the directives for presentations.

D.1.2.3 The Regulations, Directives and the directives for presentations are available on the ETTU website.

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D.1.2.5 The championships shall be organised according to the provisions of a contract between the ETTU and the Host Association to be signed no later than 8 months before the start of the event.

D.2 RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS

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D.2.2 All gate receipts belong to the organising Association.

D.3 QUALIFICATION

D.3.1 The championships shall be open for entry to all member Associations whose subscriptions are not in arrears.

D.3.2 All players must be eligible to represent their Associations in accordance with the provisions of article B.1.

D.3.3 Under 19 players shall be under 19 years of age and Under 15 players shall be under 15 years of age on 31st December immediately before the start of the year in which the championships will take place.

D.3.4 A Under 15 who competes in a Under 19 event may not compete in the corresponding Under 15 event.

D.4 EVENTS

D.4.1 The championships shall include boys' team, girls' team, boys' singles, girls' singles, boys' doubles, girls' doubles and mixed doubles events for Under 19 and Under 15.

D.4.2 The final ranking of the Under 15 and Under 19 boy's and girl's team events determines the qualification for the same year's ITTF World Youth Championships.

D.5 ENTRY FEE and LEVIES

D.5.1 The entry fee paid to the organising Association shall be 40 € for each participating Association and there shall be a levy of 125 € on each Association participating in a team event, payable to the ETTU.

D.5.2 All teams that fail to arrive at the European Youth Championships without notification in writing to the organising Association and the ETTU prior to the team draw will be fined by the ETTU with an amount of up to 5,000 € and entry into the next European Youth Championships will only be accepted if payment of entry fees and hospitality charges are made in full to the organisers at the same time as the entry form.

D.5.3 The entry fees and levies as well as other pre-payment will not be refunded if an Association fails to arrive to the European Youth Championships.

D.6 ENTRIES

D.6.1 Numbers

D.6.1.1 An Association may enter only one team in each team event.

D.6.1.2 The organising Association shall be entitled to enter up to 20 players, consisting of not more than 6 players participating in Under 19 boys singles, doubles and mixed doubles, 6 players participating in Under 19 girls singles, doubles and mixed doubles, 4 players participating in Under 15 boys events and mixed doubles, 4 players participating in Under 15 girls events and mixed doubles, but may not enter more than 5 players participating in Under 19 boys team and 5 players participating in Under 19 girls team.

D.6.1.3 Each other Association shall be entitled to enter up to 18 players, consisting of not more than 5 players participating in Under 19 boys events and mixed doubles, 5 players participating in Under 19 girls events and mixed doubles, 4 players participating in Under 15 boys events and mixed doubles, 4 players participating in Under 15 girls events and mixed doubles.

D.6.2 Entry Forms

D.6.2.1 The Prospectus shall be agreed by the organising Association with the ETTU and shall be distributed to all member Associations.

D.6.2.2 Associations have to enter all their participants at the championships through the online entry system determined by the ETTU. The online entry system will include a statement, to be agreed by an official of the nominating Association on behalf of its players and coaches, that they understand and accept the conditions of the championships, that they are prepared to compete against all other Associations participating, that each registered person agrees to the ETTU privacy policy and that they are insured fully against illness and injury for the duration of the championships.

D.6.3 Modification

D.6.3.1 The Secretary General may accept alterations of names only, if notified by a representative of the nominating Association and only up to the deadline fixed in the prospectus, with the possibility to complete, up to the first jury meeting, the team in case of illness or injury.

D.6.3.2 After the draw for the team event, no replacements can be accepted

D.6.3.3 A player included in a team or individual event may be allowed to pair with the partner of an absent, ill or injured player in a doubles event, provided he/she is not already entered in that event with a partner who is present and fit to play.

D.7 HOSPITALITY

D.7.1 The organising Association shall provide 50% of the cost of hospitality (on the basis of the price for a double room) from the evening before the championships begin until the morning after they end for

D.7.1.1 up to 6 players of an Association entering at least 2 Under 19 teams or 1 Under 19 team and 2 Under 15 teams;

D.7.1.2 up to 5 players of an Association entering 1 Under 19 team and 1 Under 15 team;

D.7.1.3 up to 4 players of an Association entering 2 Under 15 teams;

D.7.1.4 up to 3 players of an Association entering 1 Under 19 team;

D.7.1.5 up to 2 players of an Association entering only 1 Under 15 team or only individual players;

D.7.1.6 up to 2 officials of an Association entering 4 teams;

D.7.1.7 1 official only of any other Association entering teams or players.

D.7.1.8 Cancellation fees

D.7.1.8.1 An Association cancelling a person from their registered delegation after the deadline of the final entries and up to 15 days before the championships starts shall pay a cancellation fee of 100 € per person to the organising Association.

D.7.1.8.2 An Association cancelling a person from their registered delegation during the last 14 days before the championships or arriving with less persons than registered, has to pay 100% of the hospitality costs for each missing person and for the whole period initially registered.

D.7.2 The organising Association shall provide free hospitality from dinner before the championships begin until breakfast after they end for

D.7.2.1 the Executive Board members, the Press and the Medical Officials or their deputies, the Chairs of the Youth and Ranking Committees or their deputies, up to 4 Youth Committee members and 3 ETTU staff members;

D.7.2.2 all invited foreign umpires.

D.7.3 The organising Association shall provide free hospitality from dinner 2 days before the championships begin until breakfast after they end for the referee and all foreign deputy referees plus the referee's travel expenses.

D.7.4 The participating Associations have to use the accommodation provided by the organising Association. The hospitality costs include:

- accommodation in a high-level hotel (checked by ETTU),
- all meals of high quality,
- the return transportation from the nearest international airport/railway station to the hotel and venue,
- the shuttle bus transportation during the competition hall/hotel,
- the accreditation to the competition with guaranteed seats for the final matches.

D.7.5 The organising Association shall provide free hospitality for the ETTU Competition Manager for the inspection visit.

D.7.6 The cost of hospitality for persons not entitled to free hospitality shall be agreed at least one year in advance by the Executive Board.

D.8 THE DRAW

D.8.1 The draw for team events shall take place 2 days before the start of the championships and its outcome shall be published on the day of the draw and circulated to all participants.

D.8.2 For team events and individual events, no entry will be accepted after the deadline fixed in the prospectus.

D.8.3 All teams that did not inform the organising Association of their exact arrival time (in case of air or train) or expected arrival time in case of road transportation will be automatically removed 12 hours before the Jury Meeting.

D.8.4 The draw for individual events shall take place during the team events.

D.8.5 Representatives of Associations participating shall be entitled to attend the draw, which shall be conducted by either the Referee, the ETTU Ranking Committee Chair or the ETTU Competition Manager, in close co-operation with each other.

D.8.6 Seeding for team events and individual events shall be based upon the additional regulations in Annex 1.

D.9 JURY

D.9.1 The Jury shall consist of the Competition Manager, the Chair of the Youth Committee or deputy, the Chair of the Ranking Committee or deputy, a representative of the organising Association, the ETTU Secretary General or a representative of the Executive Board and the Referee or deputy.

D.9.2 The chair of the Jury shall be the Chair of the Youth Committee. If the chair of the Youth Committee is not available, the ETTU Executive Board will appoint the chair among the Jury members.

D.9.3 All members of the Jury shall have the right to vote.

D.9.4 The Jury shall meet on the eve of the championships and at any other time when necessary.

D.9.5 The Jury shall have the judicial power for any matter arising during the Championship. Any protest or appeal which is not under the authority of the Referee shall be submitted to the chair of the Jury.

D.10 TEAM EVENTS

D.10.1 System of Play

D.10.1.1 Team events shall be played in several stages. The first stage shall be played in groups and the following stages either in groups, or in “progressive knockout”, or in play-off matches. In progressive knockout and play-off matches, the final match to determine final positions will only be played if necessary to decide on the level for the following year’s championships or for qualification for other events. All teams taking part in the championships shall have the possibility to win the title of European Champion.

D.10.1.2 In the first stage the teams shall be divided into 2 levels and assigned to groups according to their final positions after the previous championships. Teams that did not take part in the previous championships shall be classified according to the principles proposed by the Ranking Committee and approved by the Executive Board.

D.10.1.3 Allocation of match points and ranking order in groups

D.10.1.3.1 In a group, 2 match points shall be awarded for a win, 1 for a loss in a played match and 0 for a loss in a not played or unfinished match, and the ranking order shall be determined primarily by the numbers of match points gained.

D.10.1.3.2 Where 2 or more teams in a group have gained the same number of match points, their relative positions shall be determined by the results only of matches between them, taking successively the numbers of match points and the ratios of wins to losses in individual matches, games and points, as far as is necessary to determine the order.

D.10.1.3.3 If after any step the positions of one or more teams have been determined while others are still equal, the results of matches in which those teams took

part shall be excluded from any further calculations needed to resolve the equalities in accordance with the procedure of D.11.1.3.1 and D.11.1.3.2.

D.10.1.3.4 Where 2 or more teams have gained the same number of match points and have the same ratios of wins to losses in individual matches, games and points, their relative positions shall be decided by lot.

D.10.1.4 Details of the playing system and seeding for team and individual events are described in Annex 2.

D.10.2 Under 19 Boys' and Under 19 Girls' Teams

D.10.2.1 A Under 19 team shall consist of 3 players.

D.10.2.2 Each team shall appoint a non-playing captain and he/she, or a responsible deputy, shall be present throughout the match.

D.10.2.3 A match shall consist of up to 5 singles and shall be played on 1 table.

D.10.2.4 Before the match the captains shall decide by lot the right to choose A,B,C or X,Y,Z and shall nominate their singles players to the Referee or his/her representative, assigning a letter to each player.

D.10.2.5 The order of play shall be A v X, B v Y, C v Z, A v Y, B v X and the match shall end when a team has won 3 individual matches, each the best of 5 games.

D.10.3 Under 15 Teams

D.10.3.1 A Under 15 team shall consist of 2, 3 or 4 players.

D.10.3.2 Each team shall appoint a non-playing captain and he/she, or a responsible deputy, shall be present throughout the match.

D.10.3.3 Before the match the captains shall decide by lot the right to choose A,B or X,Y and shall nominate their singles players to the Referee or his/her representative, assigning a letter to each player; a captain need not name its doubles pair until the completion of the first 2 singles matches.

D.10.3.4 The order of play shall be A v X, B v Y, the doubles, A v Y, B v X and the match shall end when a team has won 3 individual matches, each the best of 5 games.

D.10.3.5 A player who is required to play in successive matches is entitled to an interval of up to 5 minutes between these matches.

D.10.4 Default

D.10.4.1 An Association whose team is entered in the draw but which fails to compete in the event without adequate justification may be subject to disciplinary action, imposed by the Secretary General.

D.10.4.2 A team may begin, continue and complete a team match only with a full complement of players, except that the Jury may, at their discretion, allow a team to play with one player absent or an individual match to be omitted from the sequence where he/she 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/her authority.

D.10.4.3 An Association whose team begins to play in the event but which fails to complete its schedule of matches shall be liable to forfeit its entitlement to hospitality for its representatives at the championships; appeal against such forfeit may be made to the Jury, whose decision shall be final.

D.11 INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

D.11.1 In singles events 32 seeded players shall be directly placed in first rounds of the knockout stage. All remaining players shall play in a qualification stage in groups of 3 or 4 players. In the qualification stage matches shall be the best of 5 games, in the knockout stage all matches shall be the best of 5 games.

D.11.2 All doubles events shall be played on a knockout basis. All doubles matches shall be the best of 5 games.

D.12 REFEREES and UMPIRES

D.12.1 Latest 6 months before the event, the ETTU Umpires and Referees Committee shall send to the Secretary General for the Executive Board's approval the proposal for appointing a Referee, and at the latest 4 months before, for one or more Deputy Referees. All these officials shall be International Referees from an ETTU member Association. If available at least one member of the referee team shall be from the organising Association. All referees shall arrive at the venue two days before the start of the event.

D.12.2 All umpires shall be International Umpires. At least 1/3 of the total of umpires needed shall be from foreign ETTU member Associations. Not later than 5 months before the event, the ETTU Umpires and Referees Committee, after coordination with the organising Association, will post a call for umpires interested to officiate at the event on the ETTU website, and will send respective invitations to all European Associations. Together with the organising Association, the ETTU Umpires and Referees Committee will formulate a list of the appointed umpires. The decisions of the ETTU URC are final. No later than three months before the event, the ETTU shall inform the Associations about the selections and post the list on the ETTU website. For all matches during the championships, the umpires shall be from Associations other than those of the players in the match.

D.12.3 All invited foreign officials shall receive from the organising Association a daily allowance in accordance with the ETTU Match Officials directives.

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1. Under 19 Categories:

1.1. Seeding for Under 19 team events shall be based on the latest available European U19 Rankings and in addition on the total number of ranking points for the 3 highest ranked players per team at the time of the draw.

1.2. Seeding for the individual events of the Under 19 categories shall be based on the latest available European U19 Rankings.

1.3. The Ranking Committee may give additional points to players or pairs with good results in singles or doubles during the current season.

2. Under 15 Categories:

2.1. Seeding for Under 15 team events shall be based on the latest available European U15 Rankings and in addition on the total number of ranking points for the 2 highest ranked players per team at the time of the draw.

2.2 Seeding for the individual events of the Under 15 categories shall be based on the latest available European U15 Rankings for Under 15.

2.3. The Ranking Committee may give additional points to players or pairs with good results in singles or doubles during the current season.

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PLAYING SYSTEM FOR THE TEAM EVENTS

THE TOTAL NUMBER OF TEAMS ENTERED IS HIGHER THAN 36

STAGE I: The teams are divided in 2 levels:

LEVEL 1: 16 teams: 4 groups [A,B,C,D] of 4 teams. The top 15 teams of the final ranking of the previous Championships and the teams having finished in position 17 (winner of Stage III, Level 2).

LEVEL 2: The remaining teams: 6 groups [E,F,G,H,I,J] of 3, 4 or 5 teams, depending on the number of entries. The teams having finished 16, 18 or lower in the final ranking of the previous Championships and all teams not having participated in the previous Championships.

STAGE II: Play off matches:

1. 2 play off matches between the 3rds of the STAGE I/LEVEL 1 groups, play-off matches of which the winners play in STAGE II/LEVEL 1 and the losers play a second play-off match against the winners of the STAGE I/LEVEL 2 Groups. **2**
2. 6 play-off matches between the winners of the STAGE I/LEVEL 2 Groups, and the 4ths of the STAGE I/LEVEL 1 Groups and the 3rds of STAGE I/LEVEL 1 Groups who lost the first play-off matches mentioned in point 1. **6**

STAGE III:

LEVEL 1: Final places 1 to 16

Progressive K.O. format for 16 teams being

- the first 2 of each of the 4 STAGE I/LEVEL 1 groups, **8**
- the winners of the 2 play-offs matches between the 3rds of the STAGE I/LEVEL 1 groups, **2**
- the winners of the 6 play-off matches Nr 2, **6**

The last round of the progressive K.O. will only be played if necessary to decide on the level for the following year or for the qualification for other events.

The team finishing in position 16 is relegated to Level 2 in Stage 1 of the **following year's** Championships.

LEVEL 2: Final places 17 to 28

4 groups [**K,L,M,N**] of 3 teams and afterwards 1 match between the first, second and third of each group. A second match to determine the final position will only be played if necessary to decide on the level for the following year or for the qualification for other events.

- the losers of the 6 play-off matches Nr 2, **6**
- the 2nds of the 6 STAGE 1/LEVEL 2 groups, **6**

The team finishing in position 17 is promoted to Level 1 in Stage 1 of the **following year's** Championships.

LEVEL 3: Final places 29 to xxx

- the 3rds and 4ths of the 6 STAGE I/LEVEL 2 groups

With 37 entries: 3 groups [**O,P,Q**] of 3 and afterwards 3 new groups [**R,S, T**] of 3 with the 1sts, 2nds and 3rds of the first groups of 3.

With 38 entries: 2 groups of 3 and 1 of 4 [**O,P,Q**] and afterwards 3 new groups [**R,S,T**] of 3 with the 1sts, 2nds and 3rds of the first groups of 3.

With 39 entries: 1 groups of 3 and 2 of 4 [**O,P,Q**] and afterwards 3 new groups [**R,S,T**] of 3 with the 1sts, 2nds and 3rds of the first groups of 3.

With 40 or more entries: A second match to determine the final position will only be played if necessary to decide on the level for the following year or for the qualification for other events.

With 40 to 44 entries: 4 groups [**O,P,Q,R** first groups of 3 or 4 and afterwards 1 match between the first, second, third and if 42 or more entries also fourth of each group.

With 45 to 48 entries: 4 groups (**O,P,Q,R**) of 4 or 5 and afterwards 1 match between the first, second, third, fourth and if 46 or more entries also fifth of each group.

DRAWS - MORE THAN 36 TEAMS

STAGE I:
Seeding for Under 19 team events shall be based on the current World Rankings for juniors and in addition on the total number of ranking points for the 3 highest ranked players per team. Seeding for Under 15 team events shall be based on the current World Ranking for cadets adding the total number of ranking points for the 2 highest ranked players per team.

LEVEL 1:
- The teams ranked 1, 2, 3 and 4 shall be placed in descending ranking order respectively at the top of Groups A, B, C and D.
- The teams ranked 5 and 6 shall be drawn among Groups C and D.
- The teams ranked 7 and 8 shall be drawn among Groups A and B.
- The teams ranked 9 and 12 shall be drawn among the 4 groups.
- Finally the teams ranked 13, 14, 15 and 16 shall be drawn among the 4 groups.

LEVEL 2:
- The teams ranked 17 to 22 shall be placed in descending ranking order respectively at the top of Groups E, F, G, H, I and J.
- The remaining teams shall be drawn 3 by 3 among the 6 groups taking into account the “snake system” procedure.
- If the number of teams is not a multiple of 6 the last remaining teams shall be drawn among the groups taking into account the “snake system” procedure.

STAGE II:

- For the play-off matches Nr 1, there shall be a free draw among the 4 teams having finished 3rd in the STAGE I/LEVEL 1 groups.

For the play-off matches Nr 2
- the losers of play-off matches Nr 1 shall be drawn each against the winner of one of the groups G,H,I or J.
- the 4ths of the STAGE I/LEVEL 1 matches shall be drawn each against a winner of one of the remaining STAGE I/LEVEL 2 Groups.

STAGE III:

LEVEL 1:
- A1 shall be placed in position 1.
- B1 shall be placed in position 16.
- C1 and D1 shall be drawn among positions 8 or 9.
- A2, B2, C2 and D2 shall be drawn among position 4, 5, 12 or 13, but in the opposite half of the first team of their initial group.
- The 2 winners of the STAGE II play-off matches Nr. 1 shall be drawn among positions 3, 6, 11, or 14, but in another quarter than the first two of their initial group.
- The 6 winners of the play-off matches Nr 2 shall be drawn among the remaining places, starting with the teams who played in LEVEL 1 in STAGE I, which teams shall be drawn in a quarter not containing already a team of their initial group. Furthermore when one of those teams is a loser of one of the play-off matches Nr. 1, it shall be drawn as far as possible from the winner of that match.

LEVEL 2:
The 6 losers of the play-off matches Nr 2 shall be drawn freely among the groups K, L, M and N (not more than 2 in a same group).
The 2nds of the STAGE I/LEVEL 2 Groups shall be drawn freely among the remaining places, but not in a group containing already a team of their initial group.
After the groups K,L,M and N are finished, the teams of Group K play against those of Group L and the teams of Group M play against those of Group N.

LEVEL 3:
The 3rds of the 6 STAGE I/LEVEL 1 groups shall be drawn among the Groups O, P and Q (2 in each group) (Or with 40 or more teams among the groups O, P, Q and R).
The 4ths of the 6 STAGE I/LEVEL 1 groups shall be drawn in the remaining places, but not in a group containing already a team of their initial group.
After the groups, with 40 or more teams, the teams of Group O play against those of Group P and those of Group Q against those of Group R.

THE TOTAL NUMBER OF TEAMS ENTERED IS 36 OR LOWER

STAGE I:

LEVEL 1: Same system as in the chapter "THE TOTAL NUMBER OF TEAMS ENTERED IS HIGHER THAN 36".

LEVEL 2: The remaining teams.
4 groups [E,F,G,H] of 3, 4 or 5 teams, depending on the number of entries. The team having finished 16, 18 or lower in the final ranking of the previous Championships and all teams not having participated in the previous Championships.

STAGE II: Play-off matches
1. 4 play-off matches between the teams finishing 3rd in the STAGE I/LEVEL 1 groups and the teams finishing 2nd in the STAGE I/LEVEL 2 groups, **4**
2. 4 play-off matches between the teams finishing 4th in the STAGE I/LEVEL 1 groups and the teams finishing 1st in the STAGE I/LEVEL 2 groups, **4**

STAGE III:

LEVEL 1: Final places 1 to 16
Progressive K.O. format for 16 teams, being
- the first 2 of each of the 4 STAGE I/LEVEL 1 groups, **8**
- the winners of the 4 play-off matches between the 3rds of the STAGE I/LEVEL 1 groups and the 2nds of the STAGE I/LEVEL 2 groups, **4**
- the winners of the 4 play-off matches between the 4ths of the STAGE I/LEVEL 1 Groups and the 1sts of the STAGE I/LEVEL 2 Groups, **4**

The last round of the progressive knockout will only be played if necessary to decide on the level for the next year or for the qualification for other events. The team finishing in position 16 is relegated to Level 2 in Stage 1 of the **following year's** Championships.

LEVEL 2: Final places 17 to 24

Progressive K.O. format for 8 teams, being
- the losers of the 4 play-off matches between the 3rds of the STAGE I/LEVEL 1 groups and the 2nds of the STAGE I/LEVEL 2 groups, **4**
- the losers of the 4 play-off matches between the 4ths of the STAGE I/LEVEL 1 groups and the 1sts of the STAGE I/LEVEL 2 groups, **4**

The last round of the progressive knockout will only be played if necessary to decide on the level for the following year or for the qualification for other events. The team finishing in position 17 is promoted to Level 1 in Stage I of the **following year's** Championships.

LEVEL 3: Final places 25 to xxx

- the 3rds, 4ths and 5ths of the STAGE I/LEVEL 2 groups

With 35 or 36 entries: after the groups, a second match to determine the final position will only be played if necessary to decide on the level for the following year or for the qualification for other events.
With 36 entries: 4 groups of 3 [**O,P,Q,R**] and afterwards 1 match between the 1sts, the 2nds and the 3rds of the first groups.
With 35 entries: 3 groups of 3 and 1 group of 2 [**O,P,Q,R**] and afterwards 1 match between the 1sts, 2nds and 3rds of the first groups.
With 34 entries: 2 groups of 5 [**O,P**].
With 33 entries: 1 group of 5 and 1 group of 4 [**O,P**].
With 32 entries: 2 groups of 4 [**O,P**].
With 31 entries: 1 group of 4 and 1 group of 3 [**O,P**].
With 30 entries: 1 group of 6 teams [**O**].
With 29 entries: 1 group of 5 teams [**O**].
With 28 entries: 1 group of 4 teams [**O**].

DRAWS - 36 TEAMS OR LESS

Stage I

Seeding for Under 15 team events shall be based on the current World Ranking for cadets adding the total number of ranking points for the 2 highest ranked players per team in this Ranking. Seeding for Under 19 team events shall be based on the current World Rankings for juniors and in addition on the total number of ranking points for the 3 highest ranked players per team.

LEVEL 1

- The teams ranked 1, 2, 3 and 4 shall be placed in descending ranking order respectively at the top of Groups A, B, C and D.
- The teams ranked 5 and 6 shall be drawn among Groups C and D.
- The teams ranked 7 and 8 shall be drawn among Groups A and B.
- The 8 remaining teams (ranked 9 to 16) shall be drawn 4 by 4 among the 4 groups.

LEVEL 2

- The teams ranked 17 to 20 shall be placed in descending ranking order respectively at the top of Groups E, F, G and H.
- The remaining teams shall be drawn 2 by 2 among the 4 groups taking into account the “snake system” procedure.

STAGE II:

- For the play-off matches Nr 1, each team having finished 2nd in STAGE 1/LEVEL 2 shall be drawn against one of the teams having finished 3rd in STAGE 1/LEVEL 1.
- For the play-off matches Nr 2, each team having finished 1st in STAGE 1/LEVEL 2 shall be drawn against one of the teams having finished 4th in STAGE 1/LEVEL 1.

STAGE III:

LEVEL 1

- A1 shall be placed in position 1.
- B1 shall be placed in position 16.
- C1 and D1 shall be drawn among positions 8 or 9.
- A2, B2, C2 and D2 shall be drawn among positions 4, 5, 12 or 13, but in the opposite half of the first team of their initial group.
- The winners of the STAGE II play-off matches shall be drawn among positions 2, 3, 6, 7, 10, 11, 14 or 15 but, when relevant, in another quarter than the first two of their initial group.

LEVEL 2

- The losers of the play off matches Nr 2 shall be drawn among positions 1, 4, 5 and 8.
- The losers of the play off matches Nr 1 shall be drawn among the remaining places, but, when relevant, in another half than the other team of their initial group.

LEVEL 3

- With 35 or 36 teams, the 3rds of the 4 STAGE 1/LEVEL 2 groups shall be drawn among Groups O, P, Q and R; with 31, 32, 33 or 34 teams they shall be drawn among Groups O and P.
- With 35 or 36 teams, the 4ths of the 4 STAGE 1/LEVEL 2 groups shall be drawn among Groups O, P, Q and R; with 32, 33 or 34 teams they shall be drawn among Groups O and P, but when relevant, in another group than the other team of their initial group.
- With 35 or 36 teams, the 5ths of the STAGE 1/LEVEL 2 groups shall be drawn among Groups O, P, Q and R; with 33 or 34 teams they shall be drawn among Groups O and P, but when relevant, in another group than the other team of their initial group.
- After the group matches, when there are 4 groups the teams of Group O play against those of Group P and those of Group Q against those of Group R.

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D EUROPEAN YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

ANNEX 3

EXPERIMENTAL SYSTEM OF PLAY FOR THE TEAM EVENTS AT THE 2027 EUROPEAN YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

Following the approval of Resolution 2 by the ETTU Congress on 13 October 2026, the following experimental system of play shall apply to the Under 15 Boys', Under 15 Girls', Under 19 Boys' and Under 19 Girls' team events at the 2027 European Youth Championships only.

1. TEAM FORMATION AND ORDER OF PLAY

The current team formation shall be retained, namely two (2) playing players in the Under 15 categories and three (3) playing players in the Under 19 categories. Additional registered players may remain as reserves. The existing order of play set out in D.10.2.5 and D.10.3.4 shall remain unchanged.

2. DETERMINATION OF THE TEAM-MATCH RESULT

Notwithstanding D.10.2.5 and D.10.3.4, the result of each team match shall be determined by counting the individual games won, rather than the individual matches won. Each individual match shall be scheduled for three (3) games.

2.1 Group stage

All five (5) individual matches and all fifteen (15) games shall be played. Every game shall count towards the final result of the team match, irrespective of whether one team has already won eight (8) games.

2.2 Knockout stage

The team match shall end as soon as one team has won eight (8) games.

3. APPLICATION AND EVALUATION

All other provisions of Regulation D shall remain applicable. This system shall apply on a trial basis to the 2027 edition only and shall be evaluated following the 2027 European Youth Championships.

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E EUROPEAN VETERANS CHAMPIONSHIPS

E.1 AUTHORITY FOR ORGANISATION

E.1.1 The championships shall be organised by one member Association appointed by the ETTU Executive Board.

E.1.2 **Application Procedure and Decision**

E.1.2.1 Any Association wishing to organise the championships shall send a written application to the Secretary General.

E.1.2.2 The following conditions have to be acknowledged:

- The closing date for applications shall be specified by the Secretary General and notified to all Associations.
- Applications must be in line with the relevant Regulations and Directives.
- All details of organisation must be included in the presentation of the venue to the Executive Board, on the basis of the directives for presentations.

E.1.2.3 The Regulations, the Directives and the directives for presentations are available on the ETTU website.

E.1.2.4 The Executive Board, together with the chair of the Veterans Committee, shall appoint the organising Association, after the evaluation of the presentations held by the applicants.

E.1.2.5 The championships shall be organised according to the provisions of a contract between ETTU and the Host Association to be signed no later than 12 months before the start of the event. The organising Association shall be responsible for conducting the championships in accordance with the Laws of Table Tennis, the ITTF Regulations for International Competitions and the relevant ETTU Regulations and Directives, as far as practicable.

E.2 RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS

E.2.1 All international TV, Internet, equipment, advertising and marketing rights are vested in the ETTU. The exact distribution of responsibilities in these sectors shall be stated in the Directives and finally laid down in the contract between the ETTU and the organising Association.

E.2.2 All gate receipts belong to the organising Association.

E.3 ELIGIBILITY

E.3.1 All individuals holding a valid passport or identity card of the country of which they are a national and in which an ETTU member Association has the authority are eligible to participate if they are over 40 years of age or who will be 40 years of age in the year of the European Veterans Championships are eligible to participate.

All players shall register in accordance with the provisions of article B.1.1.

E.3.2 Upon request of the Jury, participants shall present their passport/ID card as proof of citizenship and / or age.

E.4 EVENTS

E.4.1 **Categories:**

40-44 years
45-49 years
50-54 years
55-59 years
60-64 years,
65-69 years,
70-74 years,
75-79 years,
80-84 years,
85-89 years,
90 years and over.

E.4.2 Each category will have the following events:
Men's and Women's Singles
Men's and Women's Doubles

E.4.3 If there are less than 4 players or pairs entered in any of the events, the ETTU shall have the right to cancel the said event.

E.4.4 Every entered player is allowed to participate in one singles and one doubles event. A player must participate in her/his own age category, except in doubles if the players of a pair do not belong to the same age group, in which case they shall have to compete in the category of the younger player.

E.5 ENTRY FEES and LEVIES

E.5.1 The entry fee shall be set in advance by the Executive Board.

E.5.2 The organising Association shall pay to the ETTU a levy of 20,000 €.

E.5.3 There shall be a levy of 25 € per participating player, payable to the ETTU.

E.6 ENTRIES

E.6.1 Entry Forms

E.6.1.1 Entries shall be made using the ETTU online entry system.

E.6.1.2 The online entry system shall be opened at least 6 months before the championships; reimbursement of entry fees paid, in case of withdrawal, shall be stated in the prospectus. There shall be no refund of entry fees paid in case of withdrawal, during the 4 weeks immediately before the championships.

E.6.1.3 Every entered player shall accept responsibility for his/her health condition and for his/her participation.

E.6.1.4 Neither the ETTU nor the organising Association can be made responsible for an accident, loss or any other incident which might occur.

E.7 HOSPITALITY

E.7.1 The organising Association shall provide accommodation alternatives for players within the prospectus.

E.7.2 The organising Association shall provide free hospitality from dinner before the championships begin until breakfast after they end for

E.7.2.1 3 Executive Board members, the Chair and 2 members of the Veterans Committee, the Chair of the Ranking Committee or deputy and 3 ETTU staff

members. Neither the ETTU officials nor a member of the Organising Committee is allowed to participate in the competition.

E.7.2.2 all invited foreign umpires.

E.7.3 The organising Association shall provide free hospitality from dinner 2 days before the championships begin until breakfast after they end for the referee and all foreign referees plus the referee's travel expenses.

E.7.4 The organising Association shall provide free hospitality for the ETTU Competition Manager for the inspection visit.

E.8 THE DRAW

E.8.1 The draw for the qualifying groups shall take place at least one week before the start of the championships. The date must be agreed with the Secretary General.

E.8.2 The draws for the European Veterans title events and for the consolation events will take place in every category immediately after completion of the qualifying matches of the corresponding events.

E.8.3 Seeding will be made on the basis of seeding lists set up in cooperation between representatives of the Ranking and Veterans Committees.

E.9 JURY

E.9.1 The Jury shall consist of the ETTU Competition Manager, the Chair of the Veterans Committee or deputy, the Chair of the Ranking Committee or deputy, a representative of the organising Association the ETTU Secretary General or a representative of the Executive Board and the Referee or deputy. No member of the Jury is entitled to participate in the competition.

E.9.2 The chair of the Jury shall be the Chair or deputy of the Veterans Committee. If the chair or deputy chair of the Veterans Committee is not available, the ETTU Executive Board will appoint the chair among the Jury members.

E.9.3 All members of the Jury shall have the right to vote.

E.9.4 The Jury shall meet on the eve of the championships and at any other time when necessary.

E.9.5 The Jury shall have the judicial power for any matter arising during the Championship. Any protest or appeal which is not under the authority of the Referee shall be submitted to the chair of the Jury.

E.10 SYSTEM of PLAY

E.10.1 Each singles and doubles event shall be played in 2 stages.

E.10.2 In the first stage there will be qualifying groups of 3 or 4 players or pairs, depending of the number of entries. If there are 5 players or pairs in an event, the event will be played in one group of 5 players or pairs.

E.10.3 In a group 2 match points shall be awarded for a win, 1 for a loss in a played match and o for a loss in a not played or unfinished match, and the ranking order shall be determined primarily by the numbers of match points gained.

E.10.4 If 2 or more participants have gained the same number of match points, their relative positions shall be determined by the results only of matches between them, taking successively the numbers of match points and the ratios of wins to losses in games and then in points, as far as it is necessary to determine the order.

E.10.5 If after any step the positions of one or more participants have been determined while others are still equal, the results of matches in which those participants took part shall be excluded from any further calculations needed to resolve the equalities in accordance with the procedure of E.11.3 and E.11.4.

E.10.6 If 2 or more participants have gained the same number of match points and have the same ratios of wins to losses in games and points, their relative positions shall be decided by lot.

E.10.7 In the second stage, players or pairs having finished first or second in their group, will qualify for the European Veterans title events. Players or pairs having finished third or fourth in their group, will be entitled to play in the corresponding consolation events. Both competitions shall be played on a knock-out basis.
If the number of players or pairs in an event is 5 or less, a second stage will not be played and the winner of the group will be the European Champion in this event.

E.10.8 Players or pairs having finished in position 2 of their initial group will be drawn in opposite half to the players having finished in position 1 of the same group; in the same way players or pairs having finished in position 4 will be drawn in the opposite half to players or pairs having finished in position 3 of the same group.

E.10.9 The playing space shall not be less than 10 m long, 5 m wide and 4 m high.

E.10.10 All matches shall be determined by the best of 5 games.

E.10.11 Each player is entitled to a 15 minutes rest between 2 matches.

E.11 REFEREES and UMPIRES

E.11.1 Latest 6 months before the event, the ETTU Umpires and Referees Committee shall send to the Secretary General for the Executive Board's approval the proposal for appointing a Referee, and at the latest 4 months before, for one or more Deputy Referees. All these officials shall be International Referees from an ETTU member Association; if available at least one member of the referee team shall be from the organising Association. All referees shall arrive at the venue 2 days before the start of the event.

E.11.2 The organising Association will provide International and National umpires for the second stage of the title events and the finals of the consolation events.

E.11.3 In the qualifying groups, members of the groups who are not playing shall make themselves available as umpires.

E.11.4 In the consolation events, the loser of a match shall umpire the next match at the table where he or she played.

E.11.5 All invited foreign officials shall receive from the organising Association a daily allowance in accordance with the ETTU Match Officials directives.

E.12 APPEALS

E.12.1 An appeal may be made to the Jury against a decision of the referee on a question of tournament or match conduct not covered by the Laws or Regulations. Appeals have to be made immediately after completion of the match, upon deposit of 100 €, which will be refunded if the appeal is upheld.

E.12.2 The decision of the Jury is final.

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G OLYMPIC SINGLES QUALIFICATION 2024

G.1 AUTHORITY FOR ORGANISATION

G.1.1 The Olympic Singles Qualification tournament – men's singles and women's singles - shall be organised by one member Association appointed by the ETTU Executive Board.

G.1.2 **Application Procedure and Decision**

G.1.2.1 Any Association wishing to organise the event shall send a written application to the ETTU office.

G.1.2.2 The following conditions have to be acknowledged:
- The closing date for applications shall be specified by the Executive Board and notified to all Associations.
- Applications must be in line with the relevant Regulations and Directives.
- All details of organisation must be included in the presentation of the venue to the Executive Board, on the basis of the directives for presentations.

G.1.2.3 The Regulations and the Directives and the directives for presentations are available on the ETTU website.

G.1.2.4 The Executive Board shall appoint the organising Association, after the evaluation of the presentations held by the applicants.

G.1.2.5 The tournament shall be organised according to the provisions of a contract between ETTU and the Host Association to be signed no later than 6 months before the start of the tournament.

G.2 RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS

G.2.1 All international TV, Internet, equipment, advertising and marketing rights are vested in the ETTU. The exact distribution of responsibilities in these sectors shall be stated in the Directives and finally laid down in the contract between ETTU and the organising Association.

G.2.2 All gate receipts belong to the Host Association.

G.3 QUALIFICATION

G.3.1 The Olympic Singles Qualification tournament shall be open to all European National Olympic Committees, which shall enter the players through the ETTU member Associations concerned.

G.3.2 All players shall be eligible to represent their National Olympic Committee according to the IOC regulations.

G.4 DATE AND DURATION

G.4.1 The tournament shall be held on the dates fixed by the ETTU in agreement with the ITTF.

G.5 EVENTS

G.5.1 The tournament shall include men's singles and women's singles.

G.6 LEVIES

G.6.1 The organising Association shall pay to the ETTU a levy of 20,000 €.

G.6.2 There shall be a levy of 100 € per participating player, payable to the ETTU by the player's national table tennis association.

G.7 ENTRIES

G.7.1 Numbers

G.7.1.1 The numbers of players which may be entered by a NOC will be approved by the Executive Board and made known to all Associations.

G.7.2 **Entry Forms**

G.7.2.1 The Prospectus shall be agreed by the organising Association and ETTU and shall be distributed to all member Associations.

G.7.2.2 Associations shall enter all their participants through the online entry system determined by the ETTU. The online entry system will include a statement, to be agreed by an official of the nominating Association on behalf of its players and coaches, that they understand and accept the conditions, that they are prepared to compete against all other Associations participating, that each registered person agrees to the ETTU privacy policy and that they are insured fully against illness and injury for the duration of the tournament.

G.7.3 Modification

G.7.3.1 ETTU may accept alterations of names only, if notified by an authorised representative of the nominating Association confirmed by the NOC concerned, and only up to the deadline fixed in the prospectus.

G.8 HOSPITALITY

G.8.1 The organising Association shall provide free hospitality from the evening before the tournament begins until the morning after it ends for

G.8.1.1 the Executive Board members, the Press and Medical Officials or their deputies, the Chair of the Ranking and Technical Committees, the Competition Manager and up to 3 ETTU staff members;

G.8.1.2 all invited foreign referees and umpires.

G.8.2 The organising Association shall provide free hospitality for the ETTU Competition Manager for the inspection visit.

G.8.3 The cost of hospitality for participants of the tournament shall be agreed in advance by the Executive Board.

G.9 THE DRAW

G.9.1 Representatives of the National Olympic Committees and Associations participating shall be entitled to attend the draw, which shall be conducted by either the Referee ,the ETTU Ranking Committee Chair or the ETTU Competition Manager, in close co-operation with each other.

G.10 JURY

G.10.1 The Jury shall consist of the Competition Manager, the Chairs of the Ranking and Technical Committees or their deputies, a representative of the organising Association, the ETTU Secretary General or representative of the Executive Board and the Referee or deputy.

G.10.2 The chair of the Jury shall be the Chair of the Technical Committee. If the chair of the Technical Committee is not available, the ETTU Executive Board will appoint the chair among the Jury members.

G.10.3 All members of the Jury shall have the right to vote.

G.10.4 The Jury shall meet on the eve of the tournament and at any other time when necessary.

G.10.5 The Jury shall have the judicial power for any matter arising during the tournament. Any protest or appeal which is not under the authority of the Referee shall be submitted to the chair of the Jury.

G.11 SYSTEM OF PLAY

G.11.1 The system of play shall be approved by the Executive Board and made known to all member Associations at least 6 months before the tournament.

G.12 OLYMPIC REGULATIONS

G.12.1 The organising Association and all participants must comply with all special regulations for Olympic Singles Qualification events agreed by the ETTU and the ITTF with the IOC.

G.13 REFEREES AND UMPIRES

G.13.1 Latest 6 months before the event, the ETTU Umpires and Referees Committee shall send to the Secretary General for the Executive Board's approval the proposal for appointing a Referee, and at the latest 4 months before, for one or more Deputy Referees. All referees shall be International Referees from an ETTU member Association. If available at least one member of the referee team shall be from the organising Association. All referees shall arrive at the venue two days before the start of the event.

G.13.2 All umpires shall be International Umpires. At least 1/3 of the total of umpires needed shall be from foreign ETTU member Associations. Not later than 5 months before the event, the ETTU Umpires and Referees Committee, after coordination with the organising Association, will post a call for umpires interested to officiate at the event on the ETTU website, and will send respective invitations to all European Associations. Together with the organising Association, the ETTU Umpires and Referees Committee will formulate a list of the appointed umpires. No later than three months before the event, the ETTU shall inform the Associations about the selections and post the list on the ETTU website. For all matches during the championships, the umpires shall be from Associations other than those of the players in the match.

G.13.3 All invited foreign officials shall receive from the organising Association a daily allowance in accordance with the ETTU Match Officials directives.

H EUROPE TOP-16 CUP

H.1 AUTHORITY FOR ORGANISATION

H.1.1 The tournament, which shall consist of a men's and a women's event, shall be organised by one member Association appointed by the ETTU Executive Board.

H.1.2 **Application Procedure and Decision**

H.1.2.1 Any Association wishing to organise the event shall send a written application to the ETTU office.

H.1.2.2 The following conditions have to be acknowledged:

- The closing date for applications shall be specified by the ETTU Executive Board and notified to all Associations.
- Applications must be in line with the relevant Regulations and Directives.
- All details of organisation must be included in the presentation of the venue to the Executive Board, on the basis of the directives for presentations.

H.1.2.3 The Regulations and Directives and the directives for presentations are available on the ETTU website.

H.1.2.4 The Executive Board shall appoint the organising Association, after the evaluation of the presentations held by the applicants.

H.1.2.5 The Europe Top-16 Cup shall be organised according to the provisions of a contract between ETTU and the Host Association to be signed no later than 8 months before the start of the event.

H.2 RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS

H.2.1 All international TV, Internet, equipment, advertising and marketing rights are vested in the ETTU. The exact distribution of responsibilities in these sectors shall be stated in the Directives and finally laid down in the contract between ETTU and the organiser.

H.2.2 All gate receipts belong to the Host Association.

H.3 QUALIFICATION

H.3.1 ETTU shall invite – not later than 7 weeks before the start of the competition – the eligible and reserve players for each event derived from the last available European Ranking List (extract of the ITTF World Table Tennis Ranking List for 2024 and ETTU European Ranking List starting 2025).

H.3.2 In each event the following players shall be invited:

a) The current European Champion.

b) The winner of the previous Europe Top 16 Cup.

c) In addition, ETTU may grant up to 2 wild cards. If a wild card is not awarded or a player is not available or withdraws, the player shall be replaced by the remaining highest ranked player.

d) The remaining 17 players from the last available European Rankings excluding the current European Champion and the winner of the previous Europe Top 16 Cup, as well as the wild card players, or 18 players if a Host Association player qualifies. Where the current

European Champion and the winner of the previous Europe Top 16 Cup is the same player, the place shall be allocated to the remaining highest ranked player.
e) If no players qualify from the Host Association then the Host Association shall nominate one Host Association player.
The first reserve man and woman player should be present.

H.3.3 Substitutions before the entry closing date shall be as per entry regulations.
a) If the European Champion is not available or withdraws, he/she shall be replaced by the remaining highest ranked player from the European ranking.
b) If the Host Association player is not available or withdraws, another player nominated by the Host Association shall replace him/her.
c) If any other player is not available or withdraws, he shall be replaced by the remaining highest ranked player.
Substitutions after the entry closing date shall be decided by the ETTU.

H.3.4 The participation of an invited player has to be confirmed by the national Association which this player is eligible to represent, latest on or before the deadline fixed by the ETTU.

H.4 LEVIES

H.4.1 The organising Association shall pay the ETTU a levy of 20,000 €.

H 4.2 There shall be a levy of 300 € per participating player, payable to the ETTU.

H.5 HOSPITALITY and EXPENSES

H.5.1 The organising Association shall provide free hospitality from lunch of the day before the start of the tournament until breakfast after it ends, for

H.5.1.1 Members of the Executive Board, the Medical and Press Officials or their deputies, the Chairmen of the Ranking and Technical Committees and 3 ETTU staff members;

H.5.1.2 All invited foreign referees and umpires.

H.5.2 The Organising Association shall provide free hospitality for players ranked 1 to 14 from lunch the day before their first match until breakfast after the competition ends, and for players ranked 15 to 22 from the day before the tournament starts until breakfast the day after they are out of the competition.

H.5.3 The organising Association shall provide free hospitality for the Referee from the evening two days before the event begins until the morning after it ends, plus the travel expenses.

H.5.4 The organising Association shall provide free hospitality for the ETTU Competition Manager when he inspects the facilities and proposed playing conditions of the tournament.

H.5.5 Each Association shall pay the travel expenses and hospitality of its officials, but the ETTU shall reimburse to his parent Association the expenses of an invited reserve player who attends but is not required to play.

H.6 SYSTEM OF PLAY AND DRAW

H.6.1 All matches shall be the best of 5 games.

H.6.2 The competition is played in a knockout basis and in addition the losers of the semi-finals may play a match to determine places 3 and 4 if required.

H.6.3 The draw shall take place the day before the start of the tournament and shall be conducted by either the Referee, the ETTU Ranking Committee Chair or the ETTU Competition Manager. It is an obligation for players to attend the draw.

H.7 JURY

H.7.1 The Jury shall consist of the Competition Manager, the Chairs of the Ranking and Technical Committees or their deputies, a representative of the organising Association, the ETTU Secretary General or representative of the Executive Board and the Referee or deputy.

H.7.2 The Chair of the Jury shall be the Chair of the Technical Committee. If the chair of the Technical Committee is not available, the ETTU Executive Board will appoint the chair among the Jury members.

H.7.3 All members of the Jury shall have the right to vote.

H.7.4 The Jury shall have the judicial power for any matter arising during the tournament. Any protest or appeal which is not under the authority of the Referee shall be submitted to the chair of the Jury.

H.8 REFEREES and UMPIRES

H.8.1 No later than 5 months before the event, the organising Association shall send to the ETTU Umpires and Referees Committee the proposal for appointing a Referee. No later than 4 months before the event, the ETTU Umpires and Referees Committee shall send to the Secretary General ETTU for the Executive Board's approval the proposal for appointing the Referee and one Deputy Referee. At least one referee must be from a foreign association. All referees shall be International Referees from ETTU member Associations and shall arrive the day before the start of the event.

H.8.2 All umpires shall be International Umpires and at least 1/3 of the total of umpires needed shall be from foreign ETTU member Associations. The organising Association shall send to the ETTU Umpires and Referees Committee, no later than 4 months before the event, the proposal for appointing the umpires.

H.8.3 All invited foreign officials shall receive from the organising Association a daily allowance in accordance with the ETTU directives for Match Officials and as laid down in the Europe Top-16 Cup directives.

I EUROPE YOUTH TOP 10

I.1 AUTHORITY FOR ORGANISATION

I.1.1 The tournament, which shall consist of 4 events, Under 19 Boys, Under 19 Girls, Under 15 Boys and Under 15 Girls, shall be organised by one member Association appointed by the ETTU Executive Board.

I.1.2 **Application Procedure and Decision**

I.1.2.1 Any Association wishing to organise the tournament shall send a written application to the ETTU Secretary General.

I.1.2.2 The following conditions have to be acknowledged:

- The closing date for applications shall be specified by the Executive Board and notified to all Associations.
- Applications must be in line with the relevant Regulations and Directives.
- All details of organisation must be included in the presentation of the venue to the Executive Board, on the basis of the directives for presentations.

I.1.2.3 The Regulations, the Directives and the directives for presentations are available on the ETTU website.

I.1.2.4 The Executive Board, together with the Chair of the Youth Committee, shall appoint the organising Association, after the evaluation of the presentations held by the applicants.

I.1.2.5 The tournament shall be organised according to the provisions of a contract between ETTU and the Host Association to be signed no later than 8 months before the start of the event.

I.2 RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS

I.2.1 All international TV, Internet, equipment, advertising and marketing rights are vested in the ETTU. The exact distribution of responsibilities in these sectors shall be stated in the Directives and finally laid down in the contract between the ETTU and the organising Association.

I.2.2 All gate receipts belong to the organising Association.

I.3 QUALIFICATION

I.3.1 Qualification shall be determined by the Under 19 and Under 15 European ranking lists published not less than 7 weeks prior to the event for boys and girls.

I.3.2 All players must be eligible to represent their Associations in accordance with the provision of article B.1.

I.3.3 **Qualified Participants**

I.3.3.1 Under 19 events: In each event the reigning European Under 19 Champion, the reigning Europe Youth Top 10 Under 15 Champion, and the 8 other highest ranked Under 19 players, unless this does not include a player of the organising Association, in which case the host Association shall be entitled to nominate one of its players to replace the lowest ranked Under 19 player.

I.3.3.2 Under 15 events: In each event the reigning European Under 15 Champion, and the 9 other highest ranked Under 15 players, unless this does not include a player of the organising Association, in which case the host Association shall be entitled to nominate one of its players to replace the lowest ranked Under 15 player.

I.3.4 The Associations of the first 3 boys and first 3 girls in the list of substitutes in each event shall arrange that these players can be contacted urgently to replace any of the qualified players who may be unable to attend.

I.3.5 The Secretary General shall invite the qualified players and inform the reserve players of each event not later than 8 weeks before the start of the competition.

I.4 ENTRY FEE and LEVY

I.4.1 There shall be no entry fee or levy.

I.5 HOSPITALITY and EXPENSES

I.5.1 The organising Association shall provide 50% of the hospitality (on the basis of the price for a double room) in the hotel approved by ETTU from the lunch on the day before the start of the tournament until breakfast after it ends, for 10 players in each event.

I.5.2 The organising Association shall provide free hospitality from lunch on the day before the start of the tournament until breakfast after it ends for a representative of the Executive Board, the Chair of the Youth Committee or its deputy and 3 ETTU staff members.

I.5.3 The organising Association shall provide free hospitality from lunch on the day before the start of the tournament until breakfast after it ends for all invited umpires.

I.5.4 The organising Association shall provide free hospitality from the evening 2 days before the start of the tournament until breakfast after it ends for all foreign referees plus the travel expenses.

I.5.5 The organising Association shall provide free hospitality for the ETTU Competition Manager for the inspection visit.

I.5.6 Each Association shall pay the travel expenses of its players as well as 50% of the hospitality costs. Each Association also shall pay the travel expenses of its officials including the hospitality costs. ETTU shall reimburse to the parent Association the expenses of an invited reserve player who attends but is not required to play.

I.5.7 The hospitality cost for persons not entitled to free hospitality shall be agreed at least one year in advance by the Executive Board.

I.6 SYSTEM of PLAY

I.6.1 All matches in both the Under 19 and the Under 15 events shall be the best of 5 games.

I.6.2 In each event the players shall be placed in a group in which they will all play each other; matches between players from the same Association shall, as far as practicable, be played first.

I.6.3 In a group, 2 match points shall be awarded for a win, 1 for a loss in a played match and 0 for a loss in a not played or unfinished match, and the ranking order shall be determined primarily by the number of match points gained.

I.6.4 If 2 or more players have gained the same number of match points, their relative positions shall be determined by the results only of the matches between them, taking successively the number of match points gained and the ratios of wins to losses in games and points, as far as it is necessary to determine the order.

I.6.5 If after any step the positions of one or more members of the group have been determined while others are still equal, the results of matches in which these members took part shall be excluded from any further calculations needed to resolve the equalities in accordance with the procedure of I.7.3 and I.7.4.

I.6.6 If 2 or more players have gained the same number of match points and have the same rations of wins to losses in games and points their relative positions shall be decided by lot.

I.6.7 If a player withdraws before completing 5 matches the results of all his/her matches shall be cancelled and discounted.

I.7 JURY

I.7.1 The Jury shall consist of the Competition Manager, the Chair of the Youth Committee or deputy, a representative of the organising Association, the ETTU Secretary General or a representative of the Executive Board and the Referee or deputy.

I.7.2 The Chair of the Jury shall be the Chair of the Youth Committee. If the chair of the Youth Committee is not available, the ETTU Executive Board will appoint the chair among the Jury members.

I.7.3 All members of the Jury shall have the right to vote.

I.7.4 The Jury shall meet on the eve of the tournament and at any other time when necessary.

I.7.5 The Jury shall have the judicial power for any matter arising during the tournament. Any protest or appeal which is not under the authority of the Referee shall be submitted to the chair of the Jury.

I.8 REFEREES and UMPIRES

I.8.1 Latest 6 months before the event, the ETTU Umpires and Referees Committee shall send to the Secretary General for the Executive Board's approval the proposal for appointing a Referee and, latest 4 months before, for one or more Deputy Referees. All these officials shall be International Referees from an ETTU member Association; if available at least one member of the referee team shall be from the organising Association. All referees shall arrive at the venue 2 days before the start of the event.

I.8.2 All umpires shall be International Umpires. At least 1/3 of the total of umpires needed shall be from foreign ETTU member Associations. Not later than 5 months before the event, the ETTU Umpires and Referees Committee, after coordination with the organising Association, will post a call for umpires interested to officiate at the event on the ETTU website, and will send respective invitations to all European Associations. Together with the organising Association, the ETTU Umpires and Referees Committee will formulate a list of the appointed umpires. The decisions of the ETTU URC are final. No later than three months before the event, the ETTU shall inform the Associations about the selections and post the list on the ETTU website. For all matches during the championships, the umpires shall be from Associations other than those of the players in the match.

I.8.3 All invited foreign officials shall receive from the organising Association a daily allowance in accordance with the ETTU Match Officials directives.

J EUROPEAN CLUB COMPETITION – MEN

J.1 European Club Competition – Men (ECCM)

The European Club Competition - Men shall be organised under the authority of ETTU and may be suborganised in different events:

a) The European Champions League (**ECLM**)
b) The Europe Cup
c) The Europe Trophy
d) other events

J.2 Responsibility

Participating clubs and their national Associations are responsible for any act or failure to act by the club, its players and officials with regards to finances, behaviour and fair play.

J.3 Directives

The European Champions League, Europe Cup, Europe Trophy and other events' Directives provide the supplementary operational framework governing the organisation, disciplinary matters, penalties, protest and appeal procedures and other administrative provisions applicable to the respective competitions. 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 ECCM.

These official Regulations (of which the Directives are an official part) are produced to govern the running of the ETTU European Club Competition - Men. All clubs participating in the ECCM must respect and support these Regulations and Directives. Any infringement or disregard for the contents of these Regulations or the applicable Directives may be sanctioned in accordance with the relevant Penalty Catalogue contained in the applicable Directives.

K EUROPEAN CLUB COMPETITION - WOMEN

K.1 European Club Competition - Women

The European Club Competition - Women shall be organised under the authority of ETTU and may be suborganised in different events:

a) The European Champions League (**ECLW**).
b) The Europe Cup
c) The Europe Trophy
d) other events

K.2 Responsibility

Participating clubs and their national Associations are responsible for any act or failure to act by the club, its players and officials with regards to finances, behaviour and fair play.

K.3 Directives

The European Champions League, Europe Cup, Europe Trophy and other events' Directives provide the supplementary operational framework governing the organisation, disciplinary matters, penalties, protest and appeal procedures and other administrative provisions applicable to the respective competitions. 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 ECCW.

These official Regulations (of which the Directives are an official part) are produced to govern the running of the ETTU European Club Competition - Women. All clubs participating in the ECCW must respect and support these Regulations and Directives. Any infringement or disregard for the contents of these Regulations or the applicable Directives may be sanctioned in accordance with the relevant Penalty Catalogue contained in the applicable Directives.

O ATHLETES' COMMISSION

O.1. COMPOSITION

O.1.1. The ETTU Athletes' Commission (hereinafter "AC") shall be composed of five (5) members:

O.1.1.1. Four (4) athletes elected during the European Championships.

O.1.1.2. One (1) athlete elected during the Para Table Tennis European Championships

O.1.3. No more than one (1) member from the same National Association may serve on the AC, except the Para Table Tennis representative, who may come from the same Association as another member.

O.1.4. The term of office for members of the AC is four (4) years, with eligibility for re-election.

O.1.5. Inactive members may be replaced after one year, provided that at least seventy-five percent (75%) of AC members vote in favour of the replacement, and the member concerned has had the opportunity to present reasons for their inactivity. The replacement shall be the next-highest-ranked candidate from the last election, provided no National Association is represented by more than one member (except the Para Table Tennis representative) and gender balance is maintained.

O.2. MISSION

O.2.1. The mission of the AC is to represent the views and interests of the athletes and to ensure their voice is heard within the ETTU.

O.3. OBJECTIVES

O.3.1. To consider issues relating to athletes and provide advice to the ETTU Executive Board.

O.3.2. To represent the rights and interests of athletes and make recommendations to the ETTU Executive Board, including but not limited to matters concerning the athletes' welfare.

O.3.3. To maintain contact with the ITTF Athletes' Commission, the European Olympic Committees (EOC) and European Paralympic Committee (EPC) Athletes' Commissions.

O.3.4. To establish a mechanism for seeking athletes' opinions on matters of major importance in Table Tennis through as wide a network as possible.

O.3.5. To keep the ETTU Executive Board regularly informed of athletes' opinions on issues of major importance in Table Tennis.

O.3.6. To report to the Executive Board on organisational issues relating to athlete participation in ETTU competitions.

O.3.7. To promote a healthy image and fair play, including anti-doping, anti-corruption, and prevention of illegal betting.

O.3.8. To act as the link between active athletes and the ETTU.

O.3.9. To liaise and consult with other Committees and Commissions as appropriate.

O.3.10. To contribute to the promotion and development of Table Tennis in Europe and worldwide.

O.4. ELECTIONS

O.4.1. The election of AC members shall take place during the European Championships and the Para Table Tennis European Championships in the year following the election of the ETTU Executive Board, and every four (4) years thereafter.

O.4.2. Voting may be conducted in person (presential), online, or through a hybrid system.

O.4.3. **Eligibility Criteria for Candidates:**

O.4.3.1. Must be nominated by their National Association.

O.4.3.2. Must have participated in the previous European Championships or Para Table Tennis European Championships during the past four (4) years.

O.4.3.3. Must be at least sixteen (16) years of age at the time of the election.

O.4.3.4. Must not have been sanctioned for a doping offence or illegal betting.

O.4.3.5. A National Association may present up to two (2) candidates.

O.4.3.6. The eligibility of each candidate is confirmed by the ETTU Executive Board.

O.4.4. **Election of Members:**

O.4.4.1. One male and one female athlete who receive the highest number of votes are elected to the AC; thereafter, the next two highest vote-getters are elected.

O.4.4.2. The Para Table Tennis athlete receiving the highest number of votes at the Para European Championships is elected to the AC.

O.4.4.3. **Tie-breaking:**

O.4.4.3.1. In the event of a tie, preference is given to a candidate who balances gender equity.

O.4.4.3.2. If a tie persists, preference shall be given to the highest-ranked candidate, based on the ETTU Ranking for able-bodied representatives and the ITTF World Ranking for the Para Table Tennis representative.

O.5. CHAIR OF THE ATHLETES' COMMISSION

5.1. The Chair of the AC shall be proposed by the Commission to the ETTU Executive Board.

O.6. REPRESENTATION WITHIN THE ETTU

O.6.1. The Chair of the AC is a full member of the ETTU Executive Board, with voting rights.

O.7. MEETINGS

O.7.1. The AC shall meet at least once a year, at or immediately after the European Championships, at the same venue.

O.7.2. ETTU is responsible for facilitating the meetings of the AC.

O.7.3. The working language of the Commission shall be English.

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R RANKING FOR SEEDING IN ETTU COMPETITIONS

R.1 The ETTU Ranking will be used for seeding in all ETTU team and individual competitions except the club competitions, starting with the events in 2025.

S EUROPEAN UNDER 13 CHAMPIONSHIPS

S.1 AUTHORITY FOR ORGANISATION

S.1.1 The championships shall consist of events for Under 13; they shall be organised by one member Association appointed by the ETTU Executive Board.

S.1.2 **Application Procedure and Decision**

S.1.2.1 Any Association wishing to organise the championships shall send a written application to the ETTU Secretary General.

S.1.2.2 The following conditions have to be acknowledged: - The closing date for applications shall be specified by the Executive Board and notified to all Associations. - Applications must be in line with the relevant Regulations and Directives. - All details of organisation must be included in the presentation of the venue to the Executive Board, on the basis of the directives for presentations.

S.1.2.3 The Regulations, Directives and the directives for presentations are available on the ETTU website.

S.1.2.4 The Executive Board, together with the Chair of the Youth Committee, shall appoint the organising Association, after the evaluation of the presentations held by the applicants.

S.1.2.5 The championships shall be organised according to the provisions of a contract between the ETTU and the Host Association to be signed no later than 8 months before the start of the event.

S.2 RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS

S.2.1 All international TV, Internet, equipment, advertising and marketing rights are vested in the ETTU. The exact distribution of responsibilities in these sectors shall be stated in the Directives and finally laid down in the contract between the ETTU and the organising Association.

S.2.2 All gate receipts belong to the organising Association.

S.3 QUALIFICATION

S.3.1 The championships shall be open for entry to all member Associations whose subscriptions are not in arrears.

S.3.2 All players must be eligible to represent their Associations in accordance with the provisions of article B.1.

S.3.3 Under 13 players shall be under 13 years of age on 31st December immediately before the start of the year in which the championships will take place.

S.4 EVENTS

S.4.1 The championships shall include 4 events: mixed team, mixed doubles, boys’ singles and girls’ singles.

S.5 ENTRY FEE

S.5.1 The entry fee shall be 40 € for each player of participating Associations payable to the ETTU.

S.5.2 All teams that fail to arrive at the European Under 13 Championships without notification in writing to the organising Association and the ETTU prior to the team draw will be fined by the ETTU with an amount of up to 5,000 € and entry into the next European Under 13 Championships will only be accepted if payment of entry fees and hospitality charges are made in full to the organisers at the same time as the entry form.

S.5.3 The entry fees and levies as well as other pre-payment will not be refunded if an Association fails to arrive to the European Under 13 Championships.

S.6 ENTRIES

S.6.1 Numbers

S.6.1.1 An Association may enter only one team in the team event.

S.6.1.2 Each Association shall be entitled to enter up to 6 players, 3 boys and 3 girls.

S.6.2 Entry Forms

S.6.2.1 The Prospectus shall be agreed by the organising Association with the ETTU and shall be distributed to all member Associations.

S.6.2.2 Associations have to enter all their participants at the championships through the online entry system determined by the ETTU. The online entry system will include a statement, to be agreed by an official of the nominating Association on behalf of its players and coaches, that they understand and accept the conditions of the championships, that they are prepared to compete against all other Associations participating, that each registered person agrees to the ETTU privacy policy and that they are insured fully against illness and injury for the duration of the championships.

S.6.3 Modification

S.6.3.1 The Secretary General may accept alterations of names only, if notified by a representative of the nominating Association and only up to the deadline fixed in the prospectus, with the possibility to complete, up to the first jury meeting, the team in case of illness or injury.

S.6.3.2 After the draw for the team event, no replacements can be accepted.

S.7 HOSPITALITY

S.7.1 The hospitality shall be paid to the organising Association by the participants' Association.

S.7.2 The organising Association shall provide hospitality packages at 3 and 4 star level hotels from the evening before the championships begin until the morning after they end. The hospitality packages shall include accommodation, all meals of a high quality, the return transportation

from the nearest international airport/railway station to the hotel and venue, the shuttle bus transportation during the competition hall/hotel, the accreditation to the competition with guaranteed seats for the final matches.

S.7.3 **Cancellation fees**

S.7.3.1 An Association cancelling a person from their registered delegation after the deadline of the final entries and up to 15 days before the championships starts has to pay a cancellation fee of 100 € per person to the organising Association.

S.7.3.2 An Association cancelling a person from their registered delegation during the last 14 days before the championships or arriving with less persons than registered, has to pay 100% of the hospitality costs for each missing person and for the whole period initially registered.

S.7.4 The organising Association shall provide free hospitality from dinner before the championships begin until breakfast after they end for

S.7.4.1 3 Executive Board members, the Press and the Medical Officials or their deputies, the Chairs of the Youth and Ranking Committees or their deputies, and 3 ETTU staff members;

S.7.4.2 all invited foreign umpires.

S.7.5 The organising Association shall provide free hospitality from dinner 2 days before the championships begin until breakfast after they end for the referee and all foreign deputy referees plus the referee's travel expenses.

S.7.6 The participating Associations have to use the accommodation provided by the organiser.

S.7.7 The organising Association shall provide free hospitality for the ETTU Competition Manager when the facilities and proposed playing conditions of the championships are inspected.

S.7.8 The cost of hospitality for persons not entitled to free hospitality shall be agreed at least one year in advance by the Executive Board.

S.8 THE DRAW

S.8.1 The draw for the team event shall take place 2 days before the start of the championships and its outcome shall be published on the day of the draw and circulated to all participants.

S.8.2 For the team event and individual events, no entry will be accepted after the deadline fixed in the prospectus.

S.8.3 All teams that did not inform the organising Association of their exact arrival time (in case of air or train) or expected arrival time in case of road transportation will be automatically removed 12 hours before the Jury Meeting.

S.8.4 The draw for individual events shall take place during the team event.

S.8.5 Representatives of Associations participating shall be entitled to attend the draw, which shall be conducted by either the Referee, the ETTU

Ranking Committee Chair or the ETTU Competition Manager, in close co-operation with each other.

S.9 JURY

S.9.1 The Jury shall consist of the Competition Manager, the Chair of the Youth Committee or deputy, the Chair of the Ranking Committee or deputy, a representative of the organising Association, the ETTU Secretary General or a representative of the Executive Board and the Referee or deputy.

S.9.2 The chair of the Jury shall be the Chair of the Youth Committee. If the chair of the Youth Committee is not available, the ETTU Executive Board will appoint the chair among the Jury members.

S.9.3 All members of the Jury shall have the right to vote.

S.9.4 The Jury shall meet on the eve of the championships and at any other time when necessary.

S.9.5 The Jury shall have the judicial power for any matter arising during the Championship. Any protest or appeal which is not under the authority of the Referee shall be submitted to the chair of the Jury.

S.10 TEAM AND INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

S.10.1 **System of Play**

S.10.1.1 The system of play in the team and individual events shall be decided by the Executive Board and shall be notified to all Associations not later than 6 calendar months before the start of the Championships.

S.10.2 **Default**

S.10.2.1 An Association whose team is entered in the draw but which fails to compete in the event without adequate justification may be subject to disciplinary action, imposed by the Secretary General.

S.10.2.2 A team may begin, continue and complete a team match only with a full complement of players, except that the Jury may, at their discretion, allow a team to play with one player absent or an individual match to be omitted from the sequence where he/she 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/her authority.

S.10.2.3 An Association whose team begins to play in the event but which fails to complete its schedule of matches shall be liable to forfeit its entitlement to hospitality for its representatives at the championships; appeal against such forfeit may be made to the Jury, whose decision shall be final.

S.11 REFEREES and UMPIRES

S.11.1 Latest 6 months before the event, the ETTU Umpires and Referees Committee shall send to the Secretary General for the Executive Board’s approval the proposal for appointing a Referee, and at the latest 4 months before, for one or more Deputy Referees. All these officials shall

be International Referees from an ETTU member Association; if available at least one member of the referee team shall be from the organising Association. All referees shall arrive at the venue 2 days before the start of the event.

S.11.2 All umpires shall be International Umpires. At least 1/3 of the total of umpires needed shall be from foreign ETTU member Associations. Not later than 5 months before the event, the ETTU Umpires and Referees Committee, after coordination with the organising Association, will post a call for umpires interested to officiate at the event on the ETTU website, and will send respective invitations to all European Associations. Together with the organising Association, the ETTU Umpires and Referees Committee will formulate a list of the appointed umpires. The decisions of the ETTU URC are final. No later than three months before the event, the ETTU shall inform the Associations about the selections and post the list on the ETTU website. For all matches during the championships, the umpires shall be from Associations other than those of the players in the match.

S.11.3 All invited foreign officials shall receive from the organising Association a daily allowance in accordance with the ETTU Match Officials directives.

U EUROPEAN UNDER 21 CHAMPIONSHIPS

U.1 AUTHORITY FOR ORGANISATION

U.1.1 The championships shall be organised by one member Association appointed by the ETTU Executive Board.

U.1.2 **Application Procedure and Decision**

U.1.2.1 Any Association wishing to organise the championships shall send a written application to the ETTU Secretary General.

U.1.2.2 The following conditions have to be acknowledged:
- The closing date for applications shall be specified by the Executive Board and notified to all Associations.
- Applications must be in line with the relevant Regulations and Directives.
- All details of organisation must be included in the presentation of the venue to the Executive Board, on the basis of the directives for presentations.

U.1.2.3 The Regulations and the Directives and the directives for presentations are available on the ETTU website.

U.1.2.4 The Executive Board shall appoint the organising Association, after the evaluation of the presentations held by the applicants.

U.1.2.5 The championships shall be organised according to the provisions of a contract between ETTU and the organising Association to be signed no later than 8 months before the start of the event. The organising Association shall be responsible for conducting the championships in accordance with the Laws of Table Tennis, the ITTF Regulations for International Competitions and the relevant ETTU Regulations and Directives.

U.2 RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS

U.2.1 All international TV, Internet, equipment, advertising and marketing rights are vested in the ETTU. The exact distribution of responsibilities in these sectors shall be stated in the Directives and finally laid down in the contract between ETTU and the organising Association.

U.2.2 All gate receipts belong to the organising Association.

U.3 QUALIFICATION

U.3.1 The championships shall be open for entry to all invited players from member Associations whose subscriptions are not in arrears.

U.3.2 ETTU shall invite – not later than 12 weeks before the start of the competition – the eligible 48 men and 48 women players and reserve players for each event derived from the last available European Under 21 ranking list. In addition ETTU shall grant 8 men and 8 women a wildcard. If a player is not available or withdraws, the player shall be replaced by the remaining highest ranked player.

U.3.3 If no players qualify from the host Association then the host Association shall nominate two men and two women. Any vacant places, after the deadline fixed by ETTU, may be offered to the host Association in accordance with regulation U.7.1.1.

U.3.4 All players shall be eligible to represent their Associations in accordance with the provisions of article B.1.

U.3.5 All players must be under 21 on 31st December immediately before the calendar year in which the championships take place.

U.3.6 The participation of an invited player has to be confirmed by the national Association which this player is eligible to represent, before the deadline fixed by ETTU.

U.4 EVENTS

U.4.1 The championships shall include men's singles, women's singles, men's doubles, women's doubles and mixed doubles events.

U.5 ENTRY FEES AND LEVIES

U.5.1 There shall be, payable to the ETTU, a levy of 5.000 € for the championships on the organising Association as well as an entry fee of 50 € for each player of participating Associations.

U.5.2 The entry fees and levies as well as other pre-payment will not be refunded if an Association fails to arrive with the number of entered participants at the European Under 21 Championships.

U.6 ENTRIES

U.6.1 Numbers

U.6.1.1 56 men and 56 women players will be invited with a maximum 4 men and 4 women players from a member Association.

U.6.2 Entry Forms

U.6.2.1 The Prospectus shall be agreed by the organising Association with ETTU and shall be distributed to all member Association.

U.6.2.2 Associations have to enter all their participants at the championships through the online entry system determined by the ETTU. The online entry system will include a statement, to be agreed by an official of the nominating Association on behalf of its players, that they understand and accept the conditions of the championships, that they are prepared to compete against all other players, that each registered person agrees to the ETTU privacy policy and that they are insured fully against illness and injury for the duration of the championships.

U.6.3 Modification

U.6.3.1 In case of late non-availability of any player after the relating deadline ETTU may allow up to the first jury meeting to replace a non-available player by the next/reserve player from the ranking list (maximum 3 players per Association).

U.7 HOSPITALITY

U.7.1 The hospitality shall be paid to the organising Association by the participants' Association.

U.7.2 The organising Association shall provide hospitality packages at 3 and 4 star level hotels from the evening before the championships begin until the morning after they end. The hospitality packages shall include accommodation, all meals of a high quality, the return transportation from the nearest international airport/railway station to the hotel and venue, the shuttle bus transportation during the competition hall/hotel, the accreditation to the competition with guaranteed seats for the final matches.

U.7.3 The organising Association shall provide free hospitality from the evening before the championships begin until the morning after they end for

U.7.4.1 The Executive Board, the Youth Committee and Ranking Committee Chairs or their deputies, the Competition Manager and 6 ETTU staff members.

U.7.4.2 All invited foreign referees and umpires.

U.7.5 The organising Association shall provide free hospitality for all referees from the evening before the championships begin until the morning after they end, plus the travel expenses.

U.7.6 The costs of hospitality for persons not entitled to free hospitality, totally or partly, shall be agreed at least 6 months in advance by the Executive Board, and shall be subject to a contract between ETTU and the organising Association.

U.7.7 The organising Association shall provide free hospitality for the ETTU Competition Manager for the inspection visit.

U.7.7 Cancellation fees

U.7.7.1 An Association, cancelling a person from their registered delegation after the deadline of the final entries and up to 15 days before the championships starts, has to pay a cancellation fee of 100 € per person to the organising Association.

U.7.7.2 An Association cancelling a person from their registered delegation during the last 14 days before the championships or arriving with less persons than registered, has to pay 100 % of the hospitality costs for every person and for the whole period this person was initially registered has to pay a cancellation fee of 100 € per person.

U.8 THE DRAW

U.8.1 The draw for singles and doubles events shall take place on the day before the championships begin.

U.8.2 Representatives of Associations participating shall be entitled to attend the draw, which shall be conducted either by the Referee, or the ETTU Ranking Committee Chair or the ETTU Competition Manager, in close co-operation with each other.

U.9 JURY

U.9.1 The Jury shall consist of the Competition Manager, the Chairs of the Ranking and Youth Committees or their deputies, a representative of the organising Association, the ETTU Secretary General or a representative of the Executive Board and the Referee or deputy.

U.9.2 The chair of the Jury shall be the Chair of the Youth Committee. If the chair of the Youth Committee is not available, the ETTU Executive Board will appoint the chair among the Jury members.

U.9.3 All members of the Jury shall have the right to vote.

U.9.4 The Jury shall meet on the eve of the championships and at any other time when necessary.

U.9.5 The Jury shall have the judicial power for any matter arising during the Championship. Any protest or appeal which is not under the authority of the Referee shall be submitted to the chair of the Jury.

U.10 SYSTEM OF PLAY

U.10.1 In singles events 8 seeded players shall be directly placed in stage 2.

U.10.1.1 Stage 1: the remaining 48 players shall play in a qualification, played in 12 groups. The winner and runner up from each group will qualify for stage 2.

U.10.1.2 Stage 2: the 24 qualifiers from stage 1 and the 8 seeded players shall be drawn into 8 groups. The winner and runner up from each group will qualify for stage 3.

U.10.1.3 Stage 3: the 16 qualifiers from stage 2 will play a direct knockout competition.

U.10.2 All singles matches shall be the best of 5 games.

U.10.3 Doubles events will be played in a direct knockout competition.

U.10.4 All doubles matches shall be the best of 5 games.
U.10.5 Doubles pairs will comprise only players invited to the singles event.
U.10.6 Doubles pairs may be formed by players from different Associations.

U.11 REFEREES AND UMPIRES

U.11.1 Latest 6 months before the event, the ETTU Umpires and Referees Committee shall send to the Secretary General for the Executive Board's approval the proposal for appointing a Referee, and at the latest 4 months before, for one or more Deputy Referees. All these officials shall be International Referees from an ETTU member Association; if available at least one member of the referee team shall be from the organising Association. All referees shall arrive at the venue two days before the start of the event.

U.11.2 All umpires shall be International Umpires. At least 1/3 of the total of umpires needed shall be from foreign ETTU member Associations. Not later than 5 months before the event, the ETTU Umpires and Referees Committee, after coordination with the organising Association, will post a call for umpires interested to officiate at the event on the ETTU website, and will send respective invitations to all European Associations. Together with the organising Association, the ETTU Umpires and Referees Committee will formulate a list of the appointed umpires. The decisions of the ETTU URC are final. No later than three months before the event, the ETTU shall inform the Associations about the selections and post the list on the ETTU website. For all matches during the championships, the umpires shall be from Associations other than those of the players in the match.

U.11.3 All invited foreign officials shall receive from the organising Association a daily allowance in accordance with the ETTU Match Officials directives.

U.12 DOPING CONTROL

U.12.1 Doping control shall be carried out in accordance with ITTF Anti-Doping rules.
