JOOLA ETTU COMPETITION MANAGEMENT SCHOOL

The programme

The JOOLA ETTU Competition Management School (CMS) is a new ETTU programme to help Member Associations develop the people who organise and run their competitions. It combines online education with practical training at an ETTU event.

The programme is open to all Member Associations, with priority given to candidates from Categories 3 and 4, with the objective of preparing competition managers who run national events.

The programme runs in two phases:

- A theoretical part is delivered online in two blocks.
  - Attendance will be recorded. Participants who complete the online phase receive a participation diploma.
- A practical part, which begins once the online phase is completed.

The working language is English.

Phase 1 – Online seminars

Seminars, topics and lecturers*

*Please note that the dates, topics and lecturers announced may be subject to change. ETTU reserves the right to reschedule or adapt the programme at its discretion, and any modification will be communicated to the participating Member Associations in advance.

Session	Date	Topic	Lecturer
Bloc 1 – Organising competitions and principles			
1	Tue 15 December 2026 18.00 CET	Role of the Competition Manager	**Didier Leroy**, ETTU Vice President. Former Head of World Championships and Continental Events, ITTF. **Alen Ivancin**, ETTU Competition Director.
2	Tue 22 December 2026 18.00 CET	Event planning and operations: LOC, venue, logistics and volunteers	**Josipa Zajec**, ETTU Competition Manager.
3	Thu 14 January 2027 18.00 CET	Competition formats and scheduling principles	**Alen Ivancin**, ETTU Competition Director.

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4	Thu 21 January 2027 18.00 CET	Draw procedures	**Alen Ivancin**, ETTU Competition Director.
5	Thu 11 March 2027 18.00 CET	The Competition Manager and the Referee	**Alen Ivancin**, ETTU Competition Director. **Werner Thury**, ETTU Chair Umpires and Referees Committee.
Bloc 2 – ETTU, international competitions and TMS			
6	Thu 18 March 2027 18.00 CET	ETTU competition structure, regulations and event categories	**Galia Dvorak**, ETTU Deputy Secretary General.
7	Thu 25 March 2027 18.00 CET	IT competition tools – Stupa / TMS, Part 1	TBD
8	Thu 1 April 2027 18.00 CET	IT competition tools – Stupa / TMS, Part 2 (practical)	TBD
9	Thu 8 April 2027 18.00 CET	Event media, marketing and communication	**Chiara Colantoni**, ETTU Marketing Manager.
10	Thu 15 April 2027 18.00 CET	Hosting an ETTU event: bidding, site inspections and organiser requirements	TBD

Phase 2 – Practical training

The practical phase starts after the last online seminar of 15 April 2027. Participants will be placed at an ETTU event, where they will work alongside an ETTU Competition Manager, observe the operation of the event, complete practical assignments and receive mentorship from ETTU staff.

Places are limited and are allocated by ETTU. Participation in the practical phase is only possible for candidates who have followed and completed the online seminars. The final assessment will take place exclusively on site, during the practical training.

Costs

Phase 1 – Participation is free of charge.

Phase 2 – ETTU will provide hospitality during the event. **Participants who pass the practical examination** will receive a lump sum of 300 euros towards their travel costs.

Recommended profile

Competition management suits a particular kind of person. Member Associations are invited to keep the following in mind when selecting their candidates.

- An analytical mindset. Much of the work consists of reading entries, numbers and schedules and anticipating what they will produce on the day of play.
- Sound judgement under pressure. Decisions frequently have to be taken quickly and explained afterwards.
- Strong organisation and a sense of priorities. Several tasks run in parallel, and the order in which they are handled determines whether the event stays on schedule.
- Stamina. Competition days are long and require sustained concentration from the first match to the last.
- A structured and methodical approach. Accurate records, clear communication and consistent procedures are what make an event run predictably.

Previous experience in event organisation is welcome but is not a condition for participation.

How to apply

- Candidates are nominated by their Member Association. Each Member Association may nominate up to two candidates. If two candidates are nominated, at least one must be female.
- One nomination form is completed per candidate, using the Excel form attached to this prospectus.
- Completed forms are returned by email to registration@ettu.org and projects@ettu.org.
- Deadline for applications: **Monday 30 November 2026.**
- Member Associations will be informed whether their candidates are accepted by Friday 4 December 2026.
- Connection details for the first seminar will follow after confirmation.

Contact

For any questions about the programme, please contact projects@ettu.org.