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.