

I EUROPE YOUTH TOP-10

I.1 AUTHORITY FOR ORGANISATION

I.1.1 The tournament, which shall consist of a Junior Boys and a Junior Girls event as well as a Cadet Boys and a Cadet Girls event, shall be organised by one member Association appointed by the ETTU.

I.1.2 Application procedure and decision

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

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, Directives as well as the Technical and Economic 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 Technical and Economic Directives and the directives for presentations can be obtained from the General Secretary, who will also set the date for the presentations.

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

I.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 or 18 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 Technical and Economic Directives and finally laid down in the contract between ETTU and the organiser.

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

I.3 DATE and DURATION

I.3.1 The tournament shall be played each year between September and November, over a period of 3 days.

I.4 QUALIFICATION

I.4.1 Qualification shall be determined by the current junior and cadet European ranking lists for boys and girls, but only junior players who will be under 18 and cadet players who will be under 15 on 1st of January of the year of the competition will be eligible.

I.4.2 All players must be eligible to represent their Associations in accordance with the provision of article B.10.

I.4.3 **Qualified Participants:**

- I.4.3.1 Junior events: In each event the reigning European Junior Champion, and the 9 other highest ranked junior 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 junior players.
- I.4.3.2 Cadets events: In each event the reigning European Cadet Champion, 9 other still eligible highest ranked cadet 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 Cadet player.
- I.4.4 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.4.5 The General Secretary 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.5 ENTRY FEE and LEVY

- I.5.1 There shall be no entry fee or levy.

I.6 HOSPITALITY and EXPENSES

- I.6.1 The organising Association shall provide 50% of the hospitality (on the bases of the price for a double room) from the lunch on the day before the start of the tournament until the breakfast after it ends, for 10 players in each event.
- I.6.2 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 Chairman of the Youth Committee and one ETTU staff member.
- I.6.3 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 foreign referees and umpires.
- I.6.4 The organising Association shall provide free hospitality and reimburse the travel costs for the Chairman of the Youth Committee or his deputy when he inspects the facilities and proposed playing conditions of the tournament.
- I.6.5 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 his parent Association the expenses of an invited reserve player who attends but is not required to play.
- I.6.6 The hospitality cost for persons not entitled to free hospitality shall be agreed at least 1 year in advance by the Executive Board.

I.7 SYSTEM of PLAY

- I.7.1 All matches in both the junior and the cadet events shall be the best of 7 games.

- I.7.2 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.7.3 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.7.4 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.7.5 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.6.3 and I.6.4.
- I.7.6 If 2 or more players 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.
- I.7.7 If a player withdraws before completing 5 matches the results of all his matches shall be cancelled and discounted.
- I.7.8 Details of the playing system shall be approved by the Executive Committee and made known to all Associations at least 6 months before the tournament.

I.8 JURY

- I.8.1 The Jury shall consist of the Chairmen and one member of the Youth Committee, a representative of the organising Association and of the Referee or his deputy.
- I.8.2 The Chairman of the Jury shall be the Chairman of the Youth Committee.
- I.8.3 All members of the Jury shall have the right to speak and to vote.

I.9 REFEREES and UMPIRES

- I.9.1 Latest 5 months before the event, the Organising Association shall send to the ETTU Umpires and Referees Committee the proposal for appointing a Referee. Latest 4 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 the Referee and one Deputy Referee. At least, one referee must be from a foreign association. All referees shall be International Referee from an ETTU Member Association and shall arrive the day before the start of the event.
- I.9.2 All umpires shall be International Umpires. At least 1/3 of the total number 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 umpires.
For all matches during the tournament the umpires shall be from Associations other than those of the players in the match.

I.9.3 All invited foreign officials shall receive from the organising Association a daily allowance in accordance with ITTF Directives for Match Officials.

I.10 EQUIPMENT and ADVERTISING

I.10.1 The ETTU, represented by the Executive Board, may enter into contracts with suppliers of playing equipment for the exclusive use of this equipment and the General Secretary shall notify all Associations by 1st June of the year before the tournament.

I.10.2 ETTU contracts for equipment shall include 50% of the advertising space on the inside and outside surrounds, and the remaining 50% shall be available to the organising Association.

I.11 TROPHIES and AWARDS

I.11.1 Players shall not receive cash prizes but may receive suitable gifts.

I.11.2 Players in final positions 1-3 shall receive diplomas or plaques.
