

## **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 a supplementary framework to the ECCM regulations. 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.

### **J.4 ECCM PENALTY CATALOGUE**

J.4.1 A club violating the ITTF Laws, the ETTU Constitution, the ETTU Regulations or the ETTU Directives may be disqualified from the competition and may be financially fined.

A team which has refused to continue the match until its end, played with an incomplete team or failed to play the match at all may be fined up to ten thousand (10,000) €.

A team whose players, coaches or officials during or in connection with a match have behaved in a way that the table tennis sport has been brought into disrepute may be financially fined and a ban can be imposed on the players, coaches or officials for the following match(es).

J.4.2 A ECLM club failing to inform either ETTU or its Media Partner about the interest of any other party in exploiting ECLM media rights may be fined up to ten thousand (10,000) €.

A ECLM club selling ECLM media rights on its own account to any third party may be fined up to fifteen thousand (15,000) €.

J.4.3 All withdrawals after the exit possibility may be fined up to five thousand (5,000) €.

J.4.4 A ECLM club failing to observe the Directives concerning the Official Court Layout or the Official Match Protocol will be fined five hundred (500) € on the first infringement, one thousand (1000) € on the second infringement and two thousand (2000) € for any further infringement.

J.4.5 A club failing to observe the Directives concerning advertisement within the playing area may be fined up to five thousand (5,000) € for each disregard.

J.4.6 A club whose players fail to observe the Directives concerning advertisements on players' clothing may be fined up to five thousand (5,000) € and may be banned or excluded from the competition.

J.4.7 A club failing to use the correct denomination of the official sponsor(s) may be fined up to two thousand (2,000) € on each occasion.

- J.4.8 A club failing to fulfil the obligations regarding the production of live streaming (e.g. sufficient and stable internet connection, camera/working position will be fined as follows:
- lower internet connection during a match, as laid down in the directives (but sufficient for live streaming) five hundred (500) € on the first infringement, one thousand (1,000) € on the second infringement and two thousand (2,000) € for any further infringement.
  - lower internet connection during a match, as laid down in the directives (and not sufficient connectivity for live streaming) two thousand (2,000) € on the first infringement and four thousand (4,000) € for any further infringement.
  - wrong camera and or working position during a match, as laid down in the directives one thousand (1,000) € on the first infringement and two thousand (2,000) € for any further infringement.
- J.4.9 A club failing to use the official ECLM Equipment (only in case of an official ECLM equipment sponsor) may be fined up to seven thousand (7,000) €.
- J.4.10 A club having a lower light intensity than laid down in the Directives will be fined one thousand (1,000) €.
- J.4.11 A ECLM club failing to have A-boards, B-boards or LED panels, or failing to have ITTF approved flooring at their home match will be fined one thousand (1.000) € on each infringement.
- J.4.12 A club participating in the Europe Cup failing to have A-boards, B-boards or LED panels, or failing to have ITTF approved flooring starting with the quarter finals will be fined one thousand (1.000) € on each infringement.
- J.4.13 A club not fulfilling the duties to offer appropriate meals or transportation may be fined up to two thousand (2,000) €.
- J.4.14 A club failing to send an invitation to the visiting club or with delay will be fined five hundred (500) €. The home club shall put ETTU in copy of the invitation sent to their guest club.
- J.4.15 A club failing to make a prompt and satisfactory financial settlement with an opposing club, using wrong equipment may be subject to a fine of five hundred (500) € on the first occasion; on a second occasion this fine may be increased to one thousand (1,000) € and on all further occasions to two thousand (2,000) €.
- J.4.16 A club failing to answer to ETTU requests (or from its partners) in due time (within 48 hours) will be fined one thousand (1,000) €.
- J.4.17 A ECLM club failing to have one official club representative present throughout the entire meeting convened by ETTU will be fined one thousand (1,000) €.
- J.4.18 A ECLM club failing to fulfil the standards for Competition Halls and Playing Conditions as stipulated in the valid ECLM Men Directives may be fined up to five thousand (5,000) €.
- J.4.19 A ECLM club being responsible (either home or guest club) for an early or late match start (first serve start more than 5 minutes before or after the fixed starting time) will be fined one hundred (100) € on the first infringement, two hundred (200) € on the second infringement and four hundred (400) € for any further infringement.
- J.4.20 A ECLM club not fulfilling the duties about multi balls and Ball Boys and Girls (BBGs) will be fined one hundred (100) € on the first infringement, two hundred (200) € on the second infringement and four hundred (400) € for any further infringement.
- J.4.21 All penalties mentioned in this paragraph shall be imposed by the ETTU Club Competition Official.
- J.4.22 Further contraventions, not specified above, to the Regulations and Directives may also be fined by the ETTU Club Competition Official.

J.4.23 The ETTU Club Competition Official can reduce the amounts of fines or withdraw the fines as laid down in the Regulation J.4. for valid or force majeure reasons.

## **J.5 JURISDICTION**

J.5.1 A club wishing to protest about any aspect of the ECCM shall send this protest, together with all relevant details, by e-mail to the ETTU Secretariat, within 2 days after the date of the match. No protest shall be accepted after this deadline.

J.5.2 The ETTU Club Competition Official has to take a decision concerning a protest as soon as possible after the protest has been received and the necessary hearing and investigations have been concluded.

J.5.3 A club wishing to protest against a decision of either the ETTU Club Competition Official or of the Secretary General shall send this protest, together with the relevant details, including reasoning, by e-mail via the ETTU Secretariat to the ETTU Board of Appeal within 8 days after the receipt of the decision. No protest shall be accepted after this deadline.

J.5.4 The costs of the procedure of the ETTU Board of Appeal shall include the actual expenses and the protest fee of one thousand (1,000) €. This latter fee shall be paid into the ETTU bank account and has to be received by the ETTU within eight (8) days of the submission of the case otherwise the protest is not accepted and the ETTU Club Competitions Official or Secretary General decision remains final.

J.5.5 The ETTU Board of Appeal shall inform the opposing or accused party (parties) within thirty (30) days of the case lodging. The decision of the ETTU Board of Appeal shall be final on ETTU level.

J.5.6 At the time of making a protest to the Club Competition Official, the protesting club shall pay to the ETTU bank account a fee of five hundred (500) € per case, to be received within 8 days, which will be refunded if the protest is not upheld or if the contested sentence is cancelled.

J.5.7 At the time of making an appeal against a decision taken by either the Club Competition Official or by the Secretary General, to the Board of Appeal, the appealing club shall send to the ETTU bank account a fee of one thousand (1,000) € per case, which will be refunded if the appeal is not upheld or if the contested sentence is cancelled.

J.5.8 In case of any appeal against the decision of the ETTU Board of Appeal at the Court of Arbitration for Sports shall be made within 14 days of the notification of the decision of the ETTU Board of Appeal, which should be communicated to the ETTU Secretariat.

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 any part of any chapter of these official Regulations and Directives may be sanctioned according to the ECCM Penalty Catalogue.