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01. FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Dear friends,

I hope this finds you well and you have had a productive start to this new year.

As we all know, we have another very important year ahead of us as we continue to work together to drive European table tennis forward and ensure we provide the very best sport for our athletes and fans.

As ever, we count on the contributions of you all so that we can grow our sport sustainably across all European countries and raise our organisation's international influence. Everyone has a role to play and everyone has a voice.

One way to support our growth is to innovate and find fresh ways of appealing to new and existing fans. With that in mind, the ETTU Executive Board has created a new event – the 2022 Europe Under 13 Challenge – which will engage not only younger athletes in our sport and hopefully help create future European stars but will also provide the possibility to evaluate the level of the basic training in European countries.

We will discuss further innovations and welcome your ideas and feedback during our ETTU Congress which will be held in Munich, Germany on 20 August 2022 on the occasion of the 2022 European Championships.

As you all know, the 2022 European Championships will be the first edition to include table tennis and this is a fantastic opportunity for our sport. The inaugural Championships was a great success in 2018 and table tennis will benefit from being part of such a prestigious event which previously generated a TV audience of more than 1 billion worldwide. Our participation also opens exciting opportunities for our Member Associations to participate in the Young Leaders Forum and more information on this can be found below.

Of course, we also have many other events to look forward to this year, not least this month's Europe Top 16 in Montreux, Switzerland. It is always a pleasure watching the best European athletes go head-to-head at the Top 16 and we cannot wait to be treated to breath-taking table tennis once again.

There is much to look forward to and once again we look forward to working in partnership with you all to progress table tennis in Europe.

Yours sincerely,
Igor Levitin



02. ETTU CONGRESS 2022 - MUNICH, GER

· Please note the Congress will be held in Munich GER on **Saturday 20th August 2022** during the 2022 European Championships.

· Please note the closing date for receipt of business, propositions and resolutions in writing is **Thursday 19th May 2022** (not later than 3 months before Congress).

03. NEW DATE – PLEASE NOTE!

· The 2022 European Under 21 Championships will take place from Wednesday 14th to Sunday 18th September 2022 at Cluj Napoca ROU.

04. NEW EVENT – 2022 EUROPE UNDER 13 CHALLENGE

· The ETTU Executive Board has confirmed a new event for Under 13 boys and girls, the 2022 Europe Under 13 Challenge, will be held at Podgorica MNE from Thursday 16th to Sunday 19th June 2022.

· There will be mixed team event (Associations may enter 1 team of 2 boys and 2 girls) and boys singles and girls singles events.

· Athlete eligibility will be as for the European Youth Championships.

05. 2023 EUROPEAN TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS, STAGE 1 GROUPS

· We have received entries from 44 Associations plus GER (men's and women's holder) and SWE (final stage host). FRO and WAL have entered a women's team only, DEN, ISL and SMR have entered a men's team only.

· 42 men's teams, 40 women's teams

Men - A groups 18, B groups 12, C groups 12

Women - A groups 18, B groups 9, C groups 13

· A groups

Men AUT, BEL, BLR, CRO, CZE, DEN, ENG, ESP, FRA, ITA, POL, POR, ROU, RUS, SLO, SRB, SVK, UKR

Women AUT, BLR, CZE, ESP, FRA, HUN, ITA, LUX, NED, POL, POR, ROU, RUS, SLO, SRB, SVK, TUR, UKR

· B groups

Men BIH, EST, FIN, GRE, HUN, IRL, ISR, LUX, MNE, NED, SUI, TUR

Women BEL, BUL, CRO, ENG, EST, GRE, LTU, NOR, WAL



· C groups - to be played Friday 1st, Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd April 2022; men 2 groups of 6 teams each, women 2 groups of 6 teams and 7 teams. 3 qualifiers from each group advance to B groups (total of 6 men's qualifiers and 6 women's qualifiers).

Men 1 LTU, CYP, SMR, SCO, MLT, ARM
Men 2 BUL, NOR, ISL, KOS, LAT, GEO
Women 1 SUI, FIN, LAT, SCO, MLT, ARM
Women 2 BIH, ISR, MNE, CYP, KOS, FRO, GEO

· **A and B groups draw: will take place on Friday 25th February 2022, 1600 CET, at Montreux SUI and will be live streamed at www.ettu.tv.**

06. 2022 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS, MUNICH GER - PLEASE NOTE!

· The Championships will be played at the Rudi-Sedlmayer-Halle, Munich commencing on Saturday 13th August 2022 with the mixed doubles final on Monday 15th August, the doubles finals on Thursday 18th August and the singles finals on Sunday 21st August.

· Table Tennis delegations will be accommodated at the 4 stars hotels: the Leonardo Hotel City South and the NYX Hotel by Leonardo Hotels.

· Associations must make their accreditation and accommodation bookings via the European Championships Event Management System (EMS). Associations will be provided with a link to open the EMS platform.

· Once the booking has been completed, an invoice from the Munich 2022 LOC will be generated. Payment will be required by Wednesday 15th June 2022.

· The accreditation deadline is Friday 15th July 2022.

· **ETTU shall adapt the ITTF player clothing advertising regulations so as to restrict to the following commercial advertisements:**

- (i) **one clothing manufacturer's brand,**
- (ii) **two commercial brands.**

The number, size and placement of logos on shirts and shorts shall be as follows: advertisements on playing clothing shall be limited to the maker's normal trademark, symbol or name contained within a total area of 24 cm²,

and not more than two clearly separated advertisements, each contained within a total area of 100 cm², on the front, side, shoulder or back of a shirt, with a combined total area of 200 cm².

There shall be no advertisements on the front and the sides of shorts or skirt other than the maker's normal trademark, symbol or name contained within a total area of 24 cm².

· Numbers of entries



Regulation Cl.7.1.1 states

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 (2nd in final stage groups): 4 players

Associations in positions 17-24 (3rd in final stage groups): 3 players

6 best placed Associations not proceeding to the final stage (from 2nd stage groups): 3 players

All remaining Associations: 2 players

Host Association **GER**: 5 players

Associations in positions 1-8: 5 players

MEN - AUT, CZE, DEN, ENG, GER, ROU, RUS, SWE

WOMEN - AUT, FRA, GER, LUX, POL, POR, ROU, UKR

Associations in positions 9-16 (2nd in final stage groups): 4 players

MEN - BEL, CRO, FRA, POL, POR, SLO, SVK, UKR

WOMEN - BLR, CZE, HUN, ITA, NED, RUS, SVK, SWE

Associations in positions 17-24 (3rd in final stage groups): 3 players

MEN - BLR, ESP, FIN, GRE, ITA, NED, SRB, TUR

WOMEN - BEL, CRO, ENG, ESP, GRE, SLO, SRB, TUR

6 best placed Associations not proceeding to the final stage (from 2nd stage groups): 3 players

MEN - HUN, IRL, ISR, LUX, MNE, SUI

WOMEN - BIH, BUL, EST, LTU, NOR, WAL

· According to Regulation Cl.7.1.1 the winner, runner up and losing semi-finalists of the European Under 21 Championships singles events 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.

These places are allocated to SGOUROPOULOS Ioannis GRE, GREBNEV Maksim RUS, KATSMAN Lev RUS, BERTRAND Irvin FRA

and

KAUFMANN Annett GER, TAILAKOVA Mariia RUS, SCHREINER Franziska GER,

DRAGOMAN Andreea ROU.

07. INVITATION TO THE 8th EUROPEAN ATHLETICS YOUNG LEADERS FORUM DURING THE 2022 EUROPEAN TABLE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS AT MUNICH

· The European Table Tennis Union is pleased to participate in the 8th European Athletics Young Leaders Forum organised by the Local Organising Committee (LOC) of the European Championships Munich 2022 and European Athletics, to be held in Munich GER, during the



European Table Tennis Championships. The Young Leaders Forum will take place from **Friday 19th to Monday 22nd August 2022**.

- **The Young Leaders Forum** is held every two years concurrently with the European Athletics Championships, or in this case, with the European Championships at Munich GER. The first edition took place in 2006 in Gothenburg SWE and has expanded into an inspiring event for young leaders over the last 16 years, providing them with a multitude of opportunities for the exchange of best practices, for networking and to promote overall youth education and growth. In addition to being included in a large-scale competition like the European Championships, the participants will gain knowledge, and will have the opportunity to get more familiar with various aspects of sport management and leadership in sport.
- Considering the framework of the multi-sport European Championships, the European Athletics Young Leaders Forum will open its doors to participants and representatives from the European Table Tennis Union's member Associations and the other sport federations in order to encourage youth inclusion and the development of youth activities in Europe.
- ETTU may send six (6) persons, aged 20 to 30 years, to participate including one from the host Germany.
- We invite all member Associations to send one or two nominations to ETTU to be considered by the Executive Board, who will decide the six participants from ETTU. If an Association makes two nominations, they must be one of each gender.
- Nominations from Associations must be sent to Ana Ivosevic (marketing@ettu.org) and Richard Scruton (rcsettu@pt.lu) not later than **Friday 25th February 2022**. All nominations will be acknowledged on receipt.
- A Munich 2022 LOC representative will be present for further assistance on logistics during the entire duration of the Forum. An ETTU senior official/staff member will be present during the Forum.
- **Financial conditions** As the host of the Young Leaders Forum, European Championships will take on the costs of full board accommodation and hospitality during the participants' stay in Munich. An accreditation will be provided to the participants to use the regional public transport for free and to access the Championships at the Munich Olympiastadion. The transportation costs from each participant's country to Munich and back will not be covered by the LOC.
- **Selection criteria** The Forum will include challenging activities which will necessitate an active participation from the participants. It is therefore important that participants have a suitable profile, showing a strong sense of personal responsibility and who are motivated to participate actively.
- Participants should currently be active in some aspect of Table Tennis (e.g. Association employees, staff members, volunteers, technical officials, coaches, club workers) and have the following characteristics:
 - 20 to 30 years old,



- Very good command of English language,
- Strong link to an ETTU member Association,
- Active member of sports community,
- Demonstrated potential to lead others,
- Expressed willingness to lead or assist with projects to benefit Table Tennis and their community.

· **Pre-forum tasks** After the final selection of the participants and approval by the Munich 2022 LOC and European Athletics, all participants will have to fulfil pre-forum tasks on the online registration platform (Rosterfy). To do so every invitee will receive further information through a link sent to them via email.

The main pre-forum tasks for the participants will be as follows:

1. Fill in a questionnaire about themselves and their respective sport federation
2. Create a short video of them to post in a private Facebook group and answer the following questions:
 - Who are you? - name, home city and country, role in your sport federation
 - What is your sport journey?
 - What do you want to achieve in your sport?
 - What are you looking forward to most at the Forum?

· **Registration process** Please send your nominations including the nominee's curriculum vitae and photograph to Ana Ivosevic (marketing@ettu.org) and Richard Scruton (rcsettu@pt.lu) not later than **Friday 25th February 2022**.

· **COVID-19 restrictions** Please note that we will adapt to the current infection control laws at the time of the Forum and we will inform you on possible restrictions in due time.

· **Privacy Notice** Further information can be found in the Privacy Notice using the following link: <https://www.munich2022.com/en/privacy-young-leaders-forum> (English)

By submitting a nomination to ETTU, the nominee(s) agree and give his/her consent to the ETTU Privacy Policy as laid down on the ETTU website (<http://www.ettu.org/en/about-ettu/privacy-policy/>). The nominee(s) personal details as provided by the nominee(s) (but no sensitive data) will be forwarded to the Local Organising Committee (LOC) of the European Championships Munich 2022 who are bound by their own privacy policy.

ETTU will securely store the nominee(s) collected data and will not forward to any other third party other than to the LOC of the European Championships Munich 2022. ETTU will keep the collected data as long as needed and shall delete it afterwards.

· Further Information

General information on the Championships can be found on the event website (<https://www.munich2022.com/en>) and the ETTU website.

Additional information can also be obtained from ETTU Secretary General Richard Scruton.



· **The Young Leaders Forum provides a unique experience for up and coming sports officials. There is a varied programme featuring intercultural and interdisciplinary exchange, interactive workshops, an exclusive look behind the scenes of the multisport event and renowned speakers. Topics will include leadership skills and knowledge, event organisation, crisis management, governance, safeguarding and sustainability.**

We look forward to receiving your nominations.

Closing date Friday 25th February 2022.

08. EUROPEAN RANKING

· At the October 2021 ETTU Congress in Cluj Napoca, delegates were informed about the development of a European Ranking system.

· At the ITTF AGM in Houston, a resolution from Switzerland and Germany to improve the World Ranking system was passed. ITTF will install a working group to work on the World Rankings system.

· In December 2021, the ETTU Executive Board concluded that the European Ranking system can also be used to help improve the World Ranking system. The best situation would be to have a worldwide ranking system, better than the current World Ranking system, but if this will not be possible, the Executive Board will propose to use the European Ranking system for all ETTU competitions and events.

· To update you about the current state of development of the European Ranking system, a description of the system including an unofficial ranking for European men and women players will be sent to all member Associations and published on the ETTU website. The ranking will include results until end of January 2022. This ranking will not be used for any selection or seeding list.

· The Executive Board invites Associations and members of the ETTU family to react on this system and to provide ideas and comments to improve it. These can be used for a European contribution to the ITTF World Ranking working group.

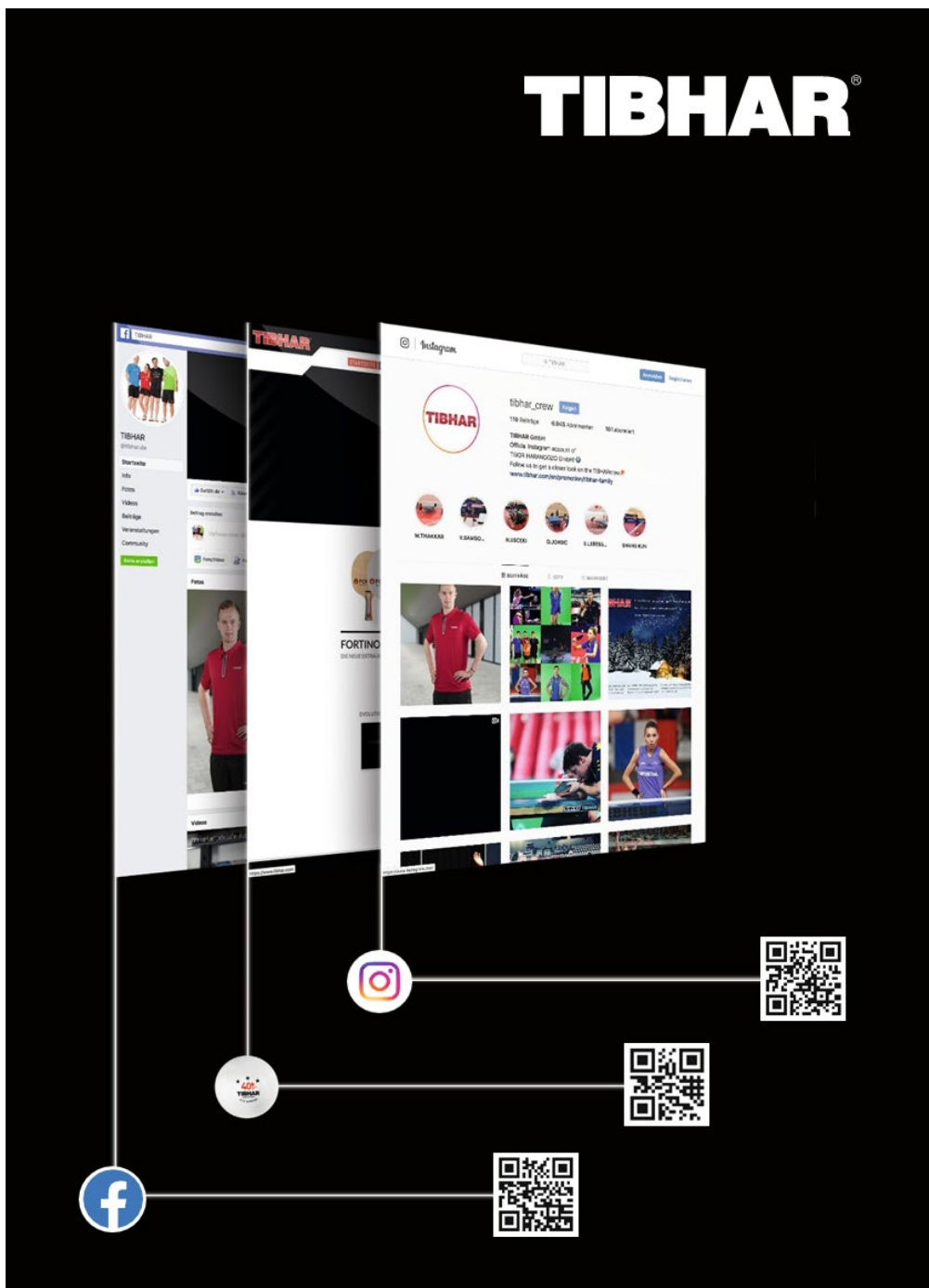
· ETTU intends to publish updated versions of this unofficial ranking every 1 or 2 months, depending on the number of ETTU events played.

· Comments and ideas on the system can be sent to the Chair of the Ranking Committee Igor Heller (iheller@xs4all.nl). The Ranking Committee will process all reactions and use these to improve the system and the contribution to the World Ranking working group.

Best wishes from the Secretariat and Staff



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The central graphic features three overlapping digital screens. On the left is a Facebook profile for 'TIBHAR' with a cover photo of a group of people. In the middle is a website snippet showing a red shirt and the text 'FORTINO'. On the right is an Instagram profile for 'tibhar_crew' with a grid of photos showing athletes and products. Below these screens, a network of white lines connects icons for Facebook, Instagram, and three QR codes, suggesting digital connectivity and social media presence.

