

INFO 2022/3

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01. FROM YOUR ACTING PRESIDENT

Dear friends,

I hope this message finds you in good health.

It has been a very busy couple of months for European Table Tennis which has given us plenty to celebrate during a difficult time for our continent.

In April, we saw KTS Enea Siarkopol Tarnobrzeg win the European Champions League Women for the second time. UCAM Cartagena T.M. and USD Apuania Carrara Tennistavolo won the Europe Cup Women and Europe Cup Men respectively. We also celebrated our first ever winners of the Europe Trophy regions. In all these club competitions, we witnessed fantastic matches which showcased some of the finest players from our continent.



There of course have also been some significant challenges and you will be aware that we have not hosted a semi-final or final of the European Champions League Men for the 2021-2022 season. The Board of Appeal (BoA) on 26th April ruled these matches should be played.

The ETTU has been in dialogue with the relevant parties since this ruling and has submitted new information to the BoA requesting a revision of the BoA's judgement on the appeal of the Table Tennis Federation of Russia, Fakel Gazprom Orenburg and TTSC UMMC. The BoA is currently reviewing the ETTU's request and as you will understand it would not be appropriate for us to make any further comment until the BoA has come to its decision. However, we reiterate our complete commitment to protecting the safety of the athletes and all stakeholders and ensuring the integrity of its competitions. We will keep you fully up to date on this matter.

Looking ahead, there are many more exciting competitions coming up. We are full steam ahead in our preparations for the 2022 Europe Under 13 Challenge in Podgorica (MNE) on 16th to 19th June. We also have our 2022 European Youth Championships in Belgrade (SRB) on 6th to 15th July which will provide a vital platform for the development of our future stars.

From the youth to our veterans, we have the 2022 STAG European Veterans Championships in Rimini (ITA) from 25th June to 2nd July demonstrating that table tennis is a sport for all ages.

We cannot look past the European Championships in Munich in August which table tennis will be a part of for the first time and will bring great exposure to our sport. Meanwhile, we were able to increase the number of authorised commercial logos on national team shirts from two to four, giving the possibility to all member Associations to showcase their National Team sponsors during this spectacular multi-sport event. We will also host our ETTU Congress in Munich on 20th August 2022.

We recently held a successful inspection visit for the 2023 European Team Championships in Malmö during which a presential (physically present) ETTU Executive Board meeting took place. We thank the Swedish Table Tennis Association, led by their President Dennis Lindahl, and

International Table Tennis Federation President Petra Sörling for their hospitality. We have no doubt it will be an excellent European Championships at the Malmö Arena.

So you will see we have a lot to be excited about. And as ever, we will be most successful if we continue to work together.

We look forward to working closely with you all in the weeks and months ahead.

Yours sincerely,



Pedro Moura
ETTU Acting President

02. ETTU STATEMENT ON BOARD OF APPEAL DECISION – TT CHAMPIONS LEAGUE SEASON 2021-2022

- The ETTU Executive Board has submitted new information to the Board of Appeal (BoA) and requested a revision of the BoA's judgement on the appeal of the Table Tennis Federation of Russia, Fakel Gazprom Orenburg and TTSC UMMC regarding the Table Tennis Champions League season 2021-2022.
- The BoA is currently reviewing the ETTU's request and no further comment will be provided until the BoA has come to its decision.
- The ETTU reiterates its commitment to protecting the safety of its athletes and all stakeholders and ensuring the integrity of its competitions.

03. 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).
- Please note the notice and agenda of the meeting will be sent not later than **Friday 17th June 2022** (not later than 2 months before Congress).

04. ETTU EXECUTIVE BOARD

- At its meeting on 20th April 2022 the ETTU Executive Board approved the appointment of Heike Ahlert GER as Acting Deputy President.
- The Executive Board also agreed that existing ETTU committees shall remain in office until 2024.

05. 2022 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS MUNICH GER – REMINDER

- 2023 European Games qualification places.
- Male players who reach the round of 32 in the 2022 European Championships Men's Singles event (maximum 2 per association), female players who reach the round of 32 in the 2022 European Championships Women's Singles event (maximum 2 per association) and pairs who reach the round of 16 in the 2022 European Championships Mixed Doubles event (maximum 1 per association) shall qualify for quota places for the 2023 European Games Tables Tennis competition.
- These quota places will be allocated to the association/national Olympic committee of the relevant athlete or pair.

06. 2022 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS MUNICH GER – COVID SAFETY

- 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.
- The Munich Local Organising Committee has notified us there will be no control of vaccination or recovered status. Many Covid-19 restrictions were dropped in Germany with effect from 1st April 2022.
- To ensure a safe event for all persons involved, the following recommendations are for all accredited participants:
 - A minimum distance of 1.50m should be maintained wherever possible.
 - Hygiene measures should be always observed. These include frequent and thorough hand washing and coughing and sneezing into the crook of the arm or into a paper handkerchief.
 - Especially indoors or when a distance of 1.50m from others cannot be maintained, medical mouth-nose protection or an FFP2 mask must be worn. Masks will be kept ready and provided at entrances.
 - Persons wishing to undergo voluntary rapid antigen testing (PoC) will be provided with testing stations at selected locations to be communicated later.
 - Persons with a confirmed SARS Cov-2 infection will not be allowed access to the venue and will be required to go into isolation. If there are any changes in the legal situation or a different assessment of the situation in the coming weeks, we will inform you immediately and adapt promptly to the guidelines and measures.

07. 2022 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS MUNICH GER – IMPORTANT UPDATE

- We are pleased to announce a significant amendment to a previous statement (INFO 2022-1) regarding player clothing advertising regulations.
- Advertisements on playing clothing.
- 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) four 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 four clearly separated advertisements, each contained within a total area of not more than 100 cm², on the front, side, shoulder or back of a shirt, with a combined total area of 200 cm², with a maximum of one advertisement on the back of the shirt.

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.

An additional Host City advertisement on players' numbers/names shall be contained within a total area of 100 cm².

An exception occurs if an athlete is part of a federally funded sports program. The non-commercial logo of such program is allowed on the athlete's shirt in addition to the allowed commercial logos. It shall not be larger than 100 cm².

Each national association is required to send a picture of the front and the back of their shirt for ETTU approval in good time prior to the European Championships. The deadline is **Friday 15th July 2022**.

08. 2022 EUROPEAN YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

· The draw for the team events will take place at Hotel Voco, Podgorica MNE on Friday 17th June 2022 at 1500 CEST.

09. EUROPEAN TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS – HOSTS for B GROUPS

· The following dates for stage 1 B groups have been agreed:

B groups (round robin) Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th October 2022

If your Association wishes to host a group, please notify the ETTU Secretariat (registration@ettu.org and rcsettu@pt.lu) not later than **Friday 17th June 2022**, giving details about the playing venue and location.

· A reminder of the dates for the stage 1 A groups:

A groups (1v3) Wednesday 12th or Thursday 13th October 2022

A groups (2v1) Saturday 15th or Sunday 16th October 2022

A groups (3v2) Wednesday 26th or Thursday 27th October 2022

A groups (3v1) Tuesday 6th or Wednesday 7th or Thursday 8th or Friday 9th or Saturday 10th or Sunday 11th December 2022

A groups (1v2) and (2v3) to be announced (2023)

10. 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**.

· Thank you to the Associations nominating candidates for the Young Leaders Forum.

· The following 6 candidates, 3 women and 3 men, have been approved:

Josipa Zajec (CRO), Clara Izquierdo Alonso (ESP), Sunčica Rogic (MNE), Mathieu Jasinski (BEL), Mischa Kalettka (GER) and Miguel Moura (POR).

· ETTU Special Projects Operations Manager Galia Dvorak will provide support for our 6 participants and will attend the Forum in Munich.

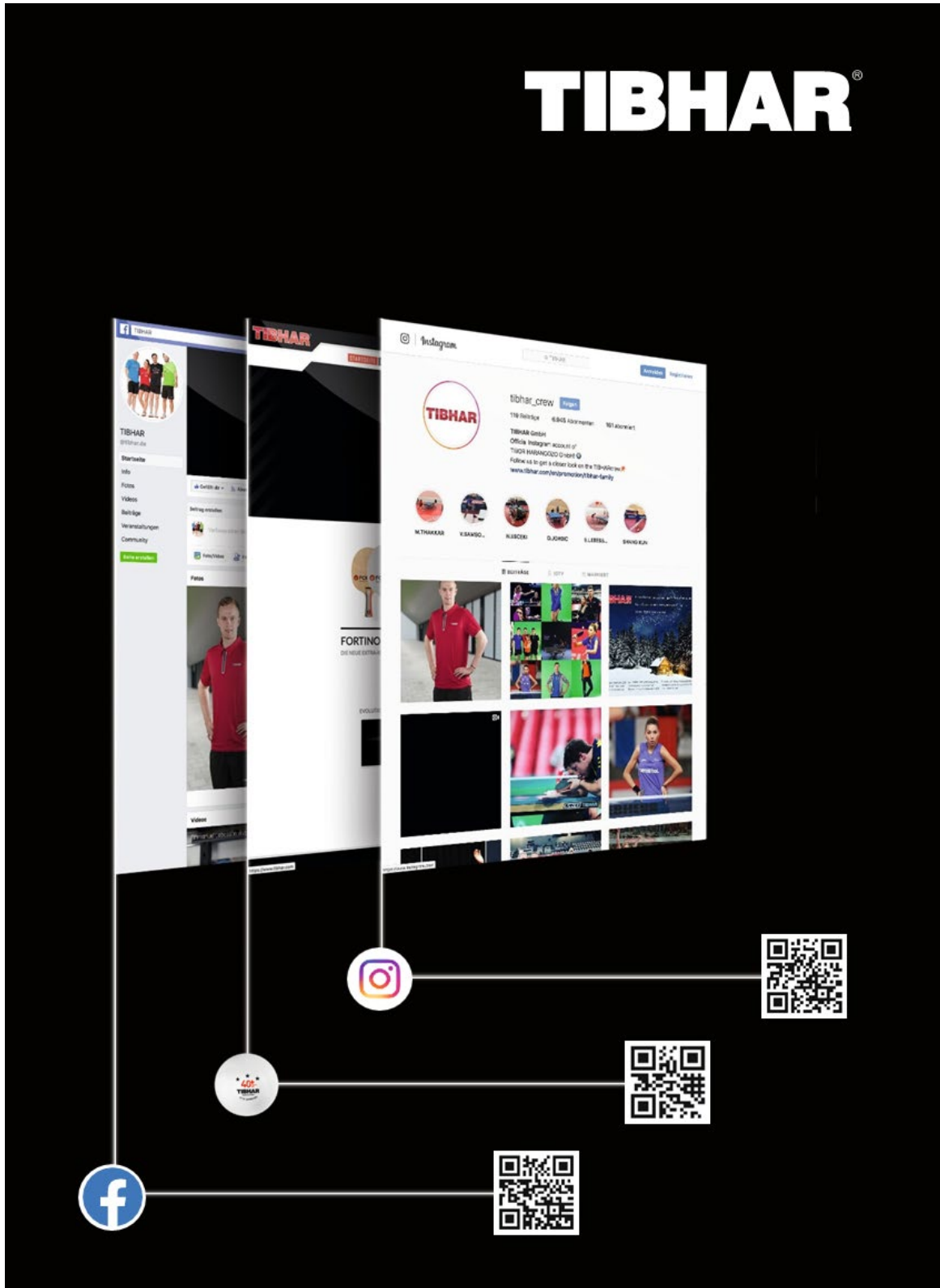
11. EUROPEAN SKILLS SURVEY ON SPORT VOLUNTEERING

· Through our close contacts with the Secretariat of the European Observatoire of Sport and Employment (EOSE) based in Lyon FRA, we have been asked to invite our member associations to take part in the European Skills Survey on Sport Volunteering. We will write to member associations later this month with full details and hope you will be able to participate.

· The survey is a unique attempt to reach out to the broadest range of sport organisations of all shapes and sizes (clubs, associations, federations etc.) across Europe to find out more about how the sector recruits, trains and manages their volunteers. We also want to find out more about the skills needs of volunteers in the many roles they play, the challenges sport organisations face in regard to volunteering and hear about possible solutions. The survey is available in 18 European languages.

Best wishes from the Secretariat and Staff

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The image displays a collage of Tibhar's digital presence. On the left is a Facebook profile for 'TIBHAR' (@tibhar.de) featuring a profile picture of a team and a post of a man in a red shirt. In the center is a website snippet for 'FORTINO DE NOUVEAU EXTRA'. On the right is an Instagram post from 'tibhar_crew' showing a grid of photos and a video of a table tennis match. At the bottom, a network of white lines connects the social media icons (Facebook, Instagram, and a circular Tibhar logo) to three QR codes.