

BALKAN TABLE TENNIS UNION

OFFICIAL HANDBOOK

J. REGULATION FOR THE BALKAN SENIOR (U21) TOP-16

J.1. AUTHORITY FOR ORGANISATION

- J.1.1. The tournament shall be organized by a member Association.
- J.1.2. The right to appoint a title sponsor for the tournament is vested to the organizing Association.
- J.1.3. The rights to televise the tournament are vested to the organizing Association.
- J.1.4. The tournament shall be organized according to provisions of a contract to be signed not later than six months before the tournament between the BTTU, presented by the General Secretary, and the appointed organizing Association.

J.2. DATE and DURATION

- J.2.1. The tournament shall be played each year in November or December, over a period of 2 (two) days.

J.3. Participation

- J.3.1. Participants shall be determined by the results of the previous Balkan Table Tennis Championships and the U-21 Balkan ranking lists who published at month before the tournament days.
- J.3.2. All players must be eligible to represent their Associations in accordance with the provision of article B.10.
- J.3.3. In each event shall be **guaranteed and free entries**.
- J.3.3.1. **Guaranteed entries shall be:**
 - Winner and runner-up (players taken 1st and 2nd place) from the previously Balkan Senior (U-21) Table Tennis Championships;
 - 4 highest ranked players from the U-21 Balkan ranking list who published at month before the tournament days.
- J.3.3.2. **Free entries shall be:**
 - One place for every BTTU member Associations unless the organising Association;
 - Two places for organising Association.
- J.3.4. If any Association in **guaranteed entries** reached a number of 4 (four) or more entries then free entry shall be transferred to the next highest available ranked player.
- J.3.5. If any player is unable to attend to competition, he/she shall be replaced by the first (second, third) substitute.
- J.3.6. In any occasion in one event shall no participating more than 6 (six) players from the same Association.
- J.3.7. The chairman of Technical Committee shall prepare the list of participants and send the invitations to players who must participate and inform the reserve players of each event not later than 4 weeks before the start of the competition according to the previously articles.

J.4. ENTRY FEE and LEVY

- J.4.1. The levies paid to B.T.T.U. (General Secretary or Technical Delegate) shall be a 5 € for each individual entry.

J.5. HOSPITALITY and EXPENSES

- J.5.1. The organising Association shall provide 50% of the hospitality from the lunch on the day before the start of the tournament until the breakfast after it ends, for:
 - J.5.1.1. 16 players and 1 reserve in each event;
 - J.5.1.2. up to 3 coaches from every Association
- J.5.2. The organising Association shall provide free hospitality from lunch on the day before the start of the competition until breakfast after it ends, for:
 - J.5.2.1. The honorary members;
 - J.5.2.2. The members of the BTTU Technical Committee, except the Technical Delegate;
 - J.5.2.3. 1 delegate from every participating Association;
 - J.5.2.4. All invited foreign referees and umpires.
- J.5.3. The organising Association shall provide free hospitality from lunch on the two days before the start of the competition until breakfast after it ends, for:
 - J.5.3.1. the BTTU General Secretary;
 - J.5.3.2. the BTTU Technical Delegate.
- J.5.4. The organising Association shall provide free hospitality and reimburse the travel costs for the BTTU General Secretary or BTTU Chairman of the Technical Committee, or his deputy, when he inspects the facilities and proposed playing conditions of the tournament.

J.5.5. Expenses

- J.5.5.1. Each Association shall pay the travel expenses of its players and coaches as well as 50% of the hospitality costs.
- J.5.5.2. Each Association shall pay the travel expenses of its officials.
- J.5.5.3. The General Secretary's, Technical Delegate's, travel cost shall pay be the B.T.T.U
- J.5.6. The hospitality cost for persons how is not entitled to free hospitality shall be not more than 60 €.

J.6. SYSTEM OF PLAY

- J.6.1. In each event shall be played in two stages.
- J.6.2. Matches in first and second stage (round-robin groups) shall be determined by the best of 5 games. Matches in the final stage (knock-out system) shall be determined by the best of 7 games.

J.6.3. the first stage:

- J.6.3.1. the players shall be placed in 4 groups, A, B, C and D with 4 players (according to snake system on the base of Balkan RL) in which they will all play each other,
- J.6.3.2. the matches between players from the same Association in any stage shall, as far as practicable, be played first.

J.6.4. the second stage:

- J.6.4.1. According the ranking order in the first stage, make new 4 groups E, F, G and H as follow:

Group E: A1-B2-C3-D4

Group F: B1-C2-D3-A4

Group G: C1-D2-A3-B4

Group H: D1-A2-B3-C4

In which they will all play each other in order:

Round 4: Group E: A1-D4; B2-C3;

Group F: B1-A4; C2-D3;

Group G: C1-B4; D2-A3;

Group H: D1-C4; A2-B3.

Round 5: Group E: A1-C3; B2-D4;

Group F: B1-D3; C2-A4;

Group G: C1-A3; D2-B4;

Group H: D1-B3; A2-C4.

Round 6: Group E: A1-B2; C3-D4;

Group F: B1-C2; D3-A4;

Group G: C1-D2; A3-B4;

Group H: D1-A2; B3-C4.

(Letters and numbers present the group and ranking position.)

J.6.4.2. Final stage:

The first two of each group play in progressive Knock out system for places 1-8 and the others two (3rd and 4th) for places 9-16.

J.7. ALLOCATION OF MATCH POINTS and RANKING ORDER IN GROUPS

- J.7.1. 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.
- J.7.2. 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.
- J.7.3. 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 J.7.1. and J.7.2.
- J.7.4. 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.
- J.7.5. If a player withdraws before completing 5 matches the results of all his matches shall be cancelled and discounted.

J.8. THE DRAW

- J.8.1. The draw we made on the eve before the competition on the Jury meeting.
- J.8.2. The draw for the final stage shall be as follow:
- J.8.2.1. Winners of groups E, F, G and H shall be drawn between positions 1, 4, 5 and 8.

- J.8.2.2. Runners-up of groups E, F, G and H shall be drawn between positions 2, 3, 6 and 7, but in opposite half from the winner of their group.
- J.8.2.3. Players that finished on 3rd place in groups E, F, G and H shall be drawn between position 9, 12, 13 and 16.
- J.8.2.4. Players that finished on 4th place in groups E, F, G and H shall be drawn between position 10, 11, 14 and 15, but in opposite half from the player finished on 3rd place of their group.

J.9. JURY

- J.9.1. The Jury shall consist of the present members of the BTTU Technical Committee, a representative of the organising Association, and of the Referee or his deputy.
- J.9.2. The Chairman of the Jury shall be the BTTU Technical Delegate.
- J.9.3. All members of the Jury shall have the right to speak and to vote, except the Referee or his deputy, who have the right to speak but not to vote.

J.10. REFEREES and UMPIRES

- J.10.1. The organising Association shall send to the General Secretary, the proposal for a Referee and one Deputy Referee; both officials if it's possible shall be International Referees from a BTTU Member Association and at least one from a foreign Association.
- J.10.2. All umpires shall be International Umpires from a BTTU Member Association. For any match the umpires shall be from Associations other than those of the players in the match.
- J.10.3. All invited foreign officials including working BTTU Technical Committee members shall receive a daily allowance equivalent to 15 €.

J.11. EQUIPMENT

- J.11.1. The Association when send Prospectus to the BTTU General Secretary shall indicate the brands, type and colours of the tables, nets and ball which will be used on tournament.
- J.11.2. All equipments must be from the lists approved by ITTF.

J.12. PLAYING CONDITIONS

- J.12.1. The playing hall must be according to the international rules.
- J.12.2. The playing hall must have for at least 8 official and 1 spare competition tables and 4 (four) practice tables.

J.13. TROPHIES and AWARDS

- J.13.1. Players shall not receive cash prizes but may receive suitable gifts.
- J.13.2. The plaques or cups shall be presented to the winners in all categories.
- J.13.3. Players in final positions 1-3 shall receive the medals.
- J.13.4. All players shall receive the diplomas for participation.

J.14. FLAGS and ANTHEMS

- J.14.1. During the competition national flags of participating Association and the BTTU flag shall be raised.
- J.14.2. During the awarding ceremony the national flags of players who take the 1st, 2nd and 3rd places shall be arisen and the national anthems of the winner shall be played.