

BALKAN TABLE TENNIS UNION

OFFICIAL HANDBOOK

D. REGULATIONS FOR THE BALKAN YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

D.1. AUTHORITY FOR ORGANIZATION

- D.1.1. The championships shall be organized by a member Association.
- D.1.2. The right to appoint a title sponsor for the championships is vested to the organizing Association.
- D.1.3. The right to televise the championships are vested to the organizing Association.

D.2. MINIMUM REQUIREMENT

- D.2.1. The playing hall must be according to the international rules
- D.2.2. The playing hall must have at least 12 (twelve) tables and 4 (four) practice tables.
- D.2.3. Enough and separate dressing rooms for male and female players and officials.
- D.2.4. Clear separate tribune for spectators, to secure the safeness of the players, coaches etc.
- D.2.5. A separate area, out but near of playing area, for gluing.

D.3. QUALIFICATION

- D.3.1. The championships shall be open for entry to all member Associations
- D.3.2. All players must be eligible to represent their Associations in accordance with the rules of I.T.T.F and E.T.T.U.
- D.3.3. Junior players shall be under 18 years of age and Cadet players shall be under 15 years of age on 1st January in the year of the championships.
- D.3.4. The championships shall be held as official event, only if the number of participant is 5 or more.

D.4. DATE AND DURATION

- D.4.1. The championships shall be held every year during the 1st half of July over a period of four (4) days.
- D.4.2. The organizing Association shall be submitted to the chairman of the Technical Committee for approval two weeks before the tournament the follow:
 - D.4.2.1. outline playing schedule.
 - D.4.2.2. summary of all entry forms.
 - D.4.2.3. daily transportation schedule
 - D.4.2.4. names and address of all Hotels who used during the tournament
 - D.4.2.5. place and time who will be the jury meeting.
- D.4.3. The organising Association shall be submitted to the chairman of the Technical Committee immediately after the championships all the results, including the score sheets.

D.5. EVENTS

- D.5.1. The championships shall include Junior Boys Team, Junior Girls Team, Cadet Boys Team, Cadet Girls Team, Junior Boys Single, Junior Girls Single, Cadet Boys Single, Cadet Girls Single, Junior Boys Double, Junior Girls Double, Cadet Boys Double, Cadet Girls Double, Junior Mixed Double and Cadet Mixed Double .

D6. LEVIES

- D.6.1. The levies paid to B.T.T.U (General Secretary or Technical Delegate) shall be a 20 € for each team, 5€ for an individual entry in single, 10 € for a double pair.

D.7. ENTRIES

D.7.1. Numbers

- D.7.1.1. A Association may enter only 1 team in each team event
- D.7.1.2. For the team events Association shall be entitled to enter up to 5 players in junior and up to 4 players in cadet category for the male and female team.**
- D.7.1.3. For the individual events the organizing Association shall be entitled to enter up to 24 players, consisting of not more than 6 junior boys, 6 junior girls, 6 cadet boys and 6 cadet girls; any other Association shall be entitled to enter up to 20 players consisting of not more than 5 junior boys, 5 junior girls, 5 cadet boys and 5 cadet girls.
- D.7.1.4. Within these limits different players may be entered for the team events as well as for each individual event.

D.7.2. Entry Forms

- D.7.2.1. Entry forms shall be agreed with the General Secretary and shall include a statement, to be signed by an official of the nominating Association on behalf of its players and captain, that they understand and accept the conditions of the championships and that they are prepared to compete against all other team and individual participating.
- D.7.2.2. Entry forms shall send by the Organising Association to all member not later than 2 two month before the start of the championships.
- D.7.2.3. Completed entry forms shall be sent to organising Association not later than 1 one month before the start of the championships with a copy to the General Secretary.

D.7.2.4. NOT PARTICIPATION PENALTY

- D.7.2.4.1. in case that the association member decided does not participate in championships after the last day of entry forms must inform organising association and BTTU general secretary for this decision 15 days before the tournament first day, in the other case they pay as penalty 200€ to BTTU

D.8. HOSPITALITY

D.8.1. *The organising Association shall provide free hospitality from the evening before the championships begin until the morning after the end for:*

- D.8.1.1. The honorary member's;
- D.8.1.2. The members of Technical Committee except the Technical Delegate;
- D.8.1.3. 1 delegate from each Association;
- D.8.1.4. 2 Umpires from each Association.

D.8.2. *The organising Association shall provide 50% of the cost of hospitality from the evening before the championships begin until the morning after they end for:*

- D.8.2.1. up to 16 players of an Association entering with 4 teams;
- D.8.2.2. up to 12 players of an Association entering with 3 teams;
- D.8.2.3. up to 8 players of an Association entering with 2 teams;
- D.8.2.4. up to 4 players of an Association entering with 1 team;
- D.8.2.5. up to 3 players of an Association entering only in individual players;
- D.8.2.6. up to 4 coaches of an Association entering 3 or 4 teams
- D.8.2.7. up to 2 coaches of Association entering 1 or 2 teams or only individual players.

D.8.3. *The organising Association shall provide free hospitality from two days before the championships begin until the morning after the end for:*

- D.8.3.1. The General Secretary and the Technical Delegate;
- D.8.3.1.1. The General Secretary, Technical Delegate's and Results specialist travel cost shall pay by the B.T.T.U.;
- D.8.4. The cost of hospitality for persons not entitled to free hospitality shall be not more than 40 €.

D.9. THE DRAW

- D.9.1. The draw for team events shall be taken place the day before the championships begin.
- D.9.2. The draw for individual events shall be taken place during the middle day of the first day of the team competitions.
- D.9.3. Representatives of Associations participating shall be entitled to attend the draw, which shall be conducted by the Technical Delegate
- D.9.4. Seeding for team events shall be done on basis of previous Balkan Championship.
- D.9.5. Seeding for individual events for each category shall be done on basis of the latest corresponding Balkan Ranking Lists.

D.10. JURY

- D.10.1. The jury shall be consisted by the present members of Technical Committee, a representative of the organising Association, two delegates of participant members (by lot), and the referee or his deputy.
- D.10.2. The chairman of the Jury shall be the Technical Delegate.
- D.10.3. All members of the jury have the right to speak and vote expect the referee or his deputy, who shall have the right to speak but not to vote.
- D.10.4. The jury shall meet on the eve of the championships and at any other time when necessary.

D.11. SYSTEM OF PLAY

D.11.1. Team events

- D.11.1.1. If the participants team is equal to 5 the team events shall played in one group in which they will all play each other.
- D.11.1.2. If the participant's team is more to 5 and less more 9 the team events shall played in two stages.

- D.11.1.2.1. In the first stage the team shall divided and assigned to two groups (A and B) according to their final positions after the previous championships on the base of snake system.
- D.11.1.2.2. In the second stage the team when takes the first and second place in ranking order in each group play crosses (A1 - B2; A2 - B1) and the winners of these cross matches play to Final, for positions 1 and 2. The losses play for positions 3rd and 4th.
- D.11.1.2.3. The other teams who get the positions three and four in each group, play crosses (A3 - B4; A4 - B3) for the rest positions. The winners of these cross matches play for positions 5th - 6th, the losses play for positions 7th and 8th.
- D.11.1.3. If the participant's team is equal to 9 the team events shall played in two stages.
- D.11.1.3.1. In the first stage the team shall divided and assigned to three groups (A, B and C) according to their final positions after the previous championships on the base of snake system.
- D.11.1.3.2. In the second stage the team which takes the first place in ranking order in groups A and B shall directly qualified for the semifinals.
- D.11.1.3.3. The team which takes the first place in ranking order in group C shall played quarterfinal match against the team which takes the second place in group A or B (draw). The team which takes the second place in ranking order in group C shall played quarterfinal match against the team which takes the second place in group A or B (remaining team). Winner of the quarterfinals matches shall play semifinals. Loser of the quarterfinals matches shall play for position 5 and 6.
- D.11.1.3.4. Pairs of semifinals matches shall be decided by draw. Winner of the semifinals matches shall play match for the gold medal (position 1 and 2). Loser of the semifinals matches shall play match for the bronze medal (position 3 and 4).
- D.11.1.3.5. The team when takes the third place in ranking order in each group will create new group (Group D) in which they will all play each other for position 7, 8 and 9. The order of play for group D will be: 1st round: A3 – C3; 2nd round: B3 – C3; 3rd round: A3 – B3.
- D.11.1.3.6. The order of play shall be A v X, B v Y, C v Z, A v Y, B v X and the match shall end when a team has won 3 individual matches, each the best of 5 games. Draw for ABC or XYZ will be held before the start of the match.
- D.11.2. Allocation of match points and ranking order in groups**
- D.11.2.1. In group, 2 match points shall be awarded for a win, 1 for a loss in a played match and 0 for a loss in an unplayed or un finished match, and the ranking order shall be determined primary by the numbers of match points gained.
- D.11.2.2. Where 2 or more teams in a group have gained the same numbers of match points, their relative positions shall be determined by the results only of matches between them, taking successively the numbers of match points and the ratios of wins to losses in individual matches, game and points, as far as is necessary to determine the order.
- D.11.2.3. If after any step the positions of one or more teams have been determined while others are still equal, the results of matches in which those teams took part shall be excluded from any further calculations needed to resolve the equalities in accordance with the procedure of C.11.1.3.1 and C.11.1.3.2.
- D.11.2.4. Where 2 or more teams have gained the same number of match points and have the same ratios of wins to losses in individual matches, games and points, their relative positions shall be decided by lot.
- D.11.3. Individual events**
- D.11.3.1. Single events shall be played on two stages, preliminary and final stage, with matches determined by the best of 5 games in a preliminary stage and with matches determined by the best of 7 games in a final stage. Double Events shall be played on Knockout (single elimination) format with matches determined by the best of 5 games.
- D.12. AWARDS**
- D.12.1. Plaques or cups shall be presented to the winners of team and individual events by the organising Association
- D.12.2. In addition, medals and diplomat shall be presented to all members, including non-playing captains of teams placed 1st, 2nd and 3rd in team events and to winners, runner up and losing semi-finalist of individual events.
- D.13. FLAGS AND ANTHEMS**
- D.13.1. During the awarding ceremony for team and individual events, the national flags of winners, runner up and losing semi-finalist shall be raised and the national anthems of winners shall be played.
- D.14. REFEREES AND UMPIRES**
- D.14.1. The organising Association shall in cooperation with BTTU Technical Committee (according to article B.8.3.) appoint one Referee and two Deputy Referees.
- D.14.2. Referee and Deputy Referees shall be as that is possible from the diference Associations. At least one of these persons shall be from the organising Association.
- D.14.3. The organising Association appoints if it possible a number of international Umpire to officiate the matches.
- D.14.4. All invited foreign officials including working BTTU Technical Committee members shall receive a daily allowance equivalent to 15 €.
- D.14.5. For any matches the umpires shall be from Associations other than those of the players in the match.