

# Q & A European Club Competition 2020-2021

## EUROPE TROPHY:

### **Q: Preliminary entry for the Europe Trophy**

A: Tuesday, June 30<sup>th</sup>.

The preliminary entry form doesn't need to be signed and clubs preliminary entered are not forced to participate, only when registered at the final entry.

### **Q: Are both round 1 and round 2 played regional?**

A: Yes

### **Q: How much is the entry fee?**

A: 250€

### **Q: Costs of hosting a group round (umpires, venue, visiting teams)**

A: There will be local umpires only and not as in the other 2 club competitions from outside the country. Savings on travel costs. It is not easy to exactly count these costs as dependant in each region. It depends if host has local umpires from its own club or not far away from its club. As we need to await the registration deadline to know how many clubs enter per region and how many hosts, we can calculate how many clubs a host can get and consequently how many umpires are needed. We will either set a daily fee for an umpire per playing day (currently 30€) or leave to the national guidelines for each host which will be around the same. Local umpires give a further saving i.e. no accommodation needed. Food and drinks during the day.

Group hosts to cover own venue costs.

Visiting teams to cover all own costs (travel, accommodation full board).

### **Q: Is there a difference in the hosting criteria from group stage 1 to group stage 2?**

A: No. Certainly nothing major.

### **Q: Which system of play in the group matches? Only singles or doubles too?**

A: Singles only. Swaythling Cup system.

### **Q: Who organises the 2 days of a group round?**

A: 1 club for each group will host a group round. The number of hosts needed per region will depend on the number of clubs participating per region. We will in the final entry form ask all clubs to mark if they wish to host or not. If there are more hosts than needed, ETTU will decide whom to allocate as host.

### **Q: What means "RU R1" ?**

A: Runner-Up (2<sup>nd</sup>) of Round 1

### **Q: How many regional winners will qualify for the Grand Final?**

A: In case of a Grand Final all 9 regional winners (9 men and 9 women clubs) qualify.

**Q: Grand Final location and financial assistance**

A: A Grand Final is optional. Also, here we first need to see how many clubs participate in total in the competition that we can have such a Grand Final. In case we can have such a Grand Final, the plan is to contribute to travel costs for the regional winners. The location is not yet decided.

**Q: The dates for the Grand Final are set to be 3rd and 4th July 2021, however these dates are very close to the scheduled dates for Olympic Games (Opening Ceremony 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2021), so some players might not be present on the scheduled dates for Europe Trophy Grand Final.**

A: Dates are provisional and are subject to change, but the Europe Trophy competition dates may clash with the international TT calendar.

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**Q: On the email communication sent to the National Associations on 9<sup>th</sup> June (ECC final entry): Is it referred only to the clubs listed on the seeding list? In that case we need to know how to proceed with the other candidatures not in the original seeding list. And shall the clubs from the seeding list register to a specific competition or to the ECC in general?**

A: For the clubs not listed on the seeding list, they can either enter via the Europe Trophy entry form (at the moment only preliminary entry form available) or in case a club wishes a wild card for the Europe Cup or Champions League, then this form can be used but ETTU must be contacted on or before 25<sup>th</sup> June to check if we can attribute a wild card to that club. The clubs listed with a ranking on the seeding list shall register via the European Club Competition entry form and will be allocated to the competition based on their seeding position from the final seeding list (a club's ranking may change from the initial seeding list depending on withdrawals from clubs seeded above that club and of wild card attribution to other clubs).

All clubs not listed in the initial seeding list and not requested and attributed a wild card will be registered into the Europe Trophy.

**Q: How to request a wild card to play Europe Cup**

A: To inform ETTU on the following until latest 25<sup>th</sup> June:

- size of playing venue (field of play)? m long ? m wide and ? m high
- light intensity over the table? LUX
- possible temperature in the playing area? degrees
- type of the floor
- please to send 2-3 pictures of your playing hall (inside)
- The full names and nationalities of your best 3 players which will play in the competition.
- Confirm that these 3 players will play unless force majeure.
- Provide evidence, preferably the contracts (you can hide sensitive information such as the payment etc) of these players or if not legally possible, confirm in a written statement that these players are under contract with your club.

**Q: Which position in the seeding will a club having a wild card receive?**

A: Clubs will receive wild cards for the last available position in the competition i.e. position 16 for Champions League (or 15 and 16 in case of 2 clubs wild cards), 32 for Europe Cup (or 31 and 32 in case of 2 clubs wild cards).

**Q: Can a club register more than 1 team in the ECC?**

A: yes