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8th USPE European Police Championships **Table Tennis**

19th – 23rd September 2019 in Bratislava/Slovak Republic

Invitation to Enter

The Police Sport Association of Slovak Republic (UNITOP SR) was entrusted by the Union Sportive des Polices d' Europe (USPE) with the organisation of the 8th USPE European Police Championships Table Tennis from 19th – 23rd September 2019 in Bratislava/Slovak Republic.

The following regulations are issued for the USPE EPC Table Tennis 2019. They have been adopted on the basis of the Statutes, Rules and Regulations, Competition Rules and Anti-Doping-Regulations of the USPE.

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1. **General organiser**

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2. **Organiser**

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3. **Date**

Arrival: 19th September 2019

Departure: 23rd September 2019

4. **Venue**

The competition takes place at
Športová hala ELÁN
Bajkalská 7
831 04 Bratislava

5. **Accommodation/Travelling**

All participants, delegates and guest will be accommodated in the
Hotel Nivy***
Líščie nivy 3
821 08 Bratislava
tel: +4212/55410390 - 95.
E-mail: hotel@hotelnivy.sk
www.hotelnivy.sk

The organiser will provide the transportation from Vienna and Bratislava Airport/train station according to the travelling details of the delegations.

Teams arriving with their own car/bus are requested to go directly to the hotel.

Delegations which need a VISA are requested to contact the host in time.

Shuttles during the championships:

The sports complex is 800 m apart from the hotel (10 min. walk). Therefore there will be no transfer offered.

The organizer will provide transport in case of bad weather.

6. **Safety Requirements**

The organiser has to make sure that all safety requirements are met according to the rules of the respective sport discipline.

The organiser has to ensure that a medical first aid will be present at the competition.

The organiser is responsible for a safety and security analysis of the risks during the EPC to determine the necessary precautions and measures.

7. Insurance

Everyone involved in the USPE EPC is responsible for his/her own insurance cover.

The participating Member Countries are responsible for and undertake to conclude all necessary and adequate insurance cover (e.g. accident and health insurance) for their whole delegation members at their own expense for the whole duration of the USPE EPC.

Claims for damages against the USPE are expressly excluded.

8. Competition rules

The provisions of the USPE Competition Rules, paragraph 4.12 shall apply.

The rules and regulations laid down by the International Table Tennis Federation shall apply, unless otherwise stipulated below or provided for in the Invitation to Enter.

Individual disciplines and are recognised as EPC competitions only if competitors from at least six member unions take part.

In order to promote female sport within USPE, in individual disciplines and relays, until further notice a minimum of four female competitors of four different member unions have to take part in an EPC.

The decision about the recognition of individual disciplines will be made with a deadline submitted with Form 2.

8.1 Participants

Each member country may enter

- one delegate
- up to four sportsmen and four sportswomen
- up to two attendants.

However, the number of attendants must not exceed the number of sportsmen/-women.

8.2 Disciplines

The competitions will include the following events:

1. Men's' singles
2. Men's doubles
3. Ladies' singles
4. Ladies' doubles
5. Mixed doubles
6. Team competitions for men
7. Team competitions for ladies

The mode of competition will be made after receiving all Form No. 3.

Team Competition:

The team competition will be held according to the rules of the ITTF, Art.3.7.6 Team Match Systems and Art.3.7.7 Team Match Procedure.

Ladies:

Best of 5 matches (Corbillon Cup system, 4 singles and 1 double)

A team shall consist of 2, 3 or 4 players.

The order of play shall be

- 1) A v X
- 2) B v Y
- 3) doubles
- 4) A v Y
- 5) B v X

Men

Best of 5 matches (Olympic system, 4 singles and 1 double).

A team shall consist of 3 players; each player shall compete in a maximum of 2 individual matches.

The order of play shall be

- 1) A v X
- 2) B v Y
- 3) doubles C & A or B v Z & X or Y
- 4) B or A v Z
- 5) C v Y or X

8.3 Draws/Seeding

The draw will be made electronically.

The draw for the team competition will be made directly after the Technical Meeting.

The other draws will be made at the next morning in the competition venue.

The number of seeded athletes will be made after receiving all Form No. 3.

Seedings:

Team Men: According to the results of the USPE EPC Table Tennis 2015

Team Women: No seeding

Singles men/women: 1. Seeding according the ETTU Ranking
2. Seeding according the Team Ranking on Form No. 3 and According to the results of the USPE EPC Table Tennis 2015

8.4 Equipment

Floor: Tartan covered with STAG (ITTF approved)

Tables: Butterfly Centrefold25 blue

Nets: Butterfly

Balls: Butterfly G 40+*** or A 40+*** (both Plastic)

8.5 Team sport equipment

The rules laid down by ITTF shall apply.

All teams are expected to wear uniform sportswear displaying the emblems of their individual member union.

8.6 Decorations and honours

The winner of each individual competition of an EPC is "**European Police Champion**".

As to team competitions organised within the framework of an EPC, each competitor of the winning team is "European Police Champion".

Medals

Competitors taking first, second and third places in any of the male/female competitions are awarded with prize medals.

As to team events, the competitors of the team placing first, second and third are awarded with prize medals.

There will be no bronze final. Therefore two 3rd places will be honored according to the international rules.

9. Referees

The provisions of the USPE Competition Rules, paragraph 2.4, shall apply.

The organiser is in charge of ensuring a sufficient number of referees/umpires.

The minimum standard for referees/umpires is the highest national level.

Exceptions must be approved by the responsible member of the USPE Technical Commission in charge for the respective sport and the USPE Secretary General.

According to paragraph 2.4.3 of the USPE Competition Rules the organiser is responsible for the accommodation and food of the referees provided by the participating countries

All other expenses have to be paid by the respective member country.

10. Provisional Timetable**18th September 2019**

During the day	Arrival of the USPE Technical Delegate, Inspection venue, Meeting with organising committee and head referee
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19th September 2019

During the day	Arrival, control, accreditation
	Training (depends on the arrival of the teams)
18:00 – 20:00 h	Dinner
20:00 h	Technical Meeting/Draw

20th September 2019

Opening Ceremony, Competitions

21st September 2019

Competitions

22nd September 2019

Competitions, Closing Ceremony, Final Banquet

22nd September 2019

Departure

A detailed final program will be send in time by the organizer.

11. Jury of appeal

The provisions of the USPE Rules and Regulations, Article R 19, shall apply.

The Jury of Appeal comprised of

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| 1. Andreas Röhner | Secretary General of the USPE, Chairman |
| 2. Dirk Weninger | Member of the Technical Commission |
| 3. Anton Hamran | Sport and technical director of the EPC |
| 4. Juraj Filan | Secretary General of the UNITOP SR |

All appeals have to be made in writing by the delegate or one of the attendants of the member union in question within less than an hour after the end of the fixing of or the publication of the results unless the respective international sport rules specify different.

The delegate or one of the attendants of the member union has to enclose an appeal fee with the appeal in order for the appeal to be valid.

The deposited sum will be refunded to its owner if the appeal proves to be justified.

If the appeal is rejected the sum deposited is retained by the USPE.

The appeal fee will be a total of 100.00 €, paid in cash.

12. Eligibility to start

The provisions of the USPE Statutes, the USPE Rules and Regulations, the USPE Competition Rules as well as the USPE Anti-Doping Regulations shall apply.

They have to satisfy the provisions set out in Article 23 of the Statutes.

Participation in championships is restricted to athletes, who

1. meet the starting requirements of their international union,
2. belong to a national sports organisation that is a member of the USPE,
3. actually provide police service at the time of the championship or
4. are police students at a public police academy,
5. have reached the age of 18 at the time of the championships (including preliminary rounds),
6. have signed the Anti-Doping Declaration and
7. submit the USPE Declaration of Participation signed by the respective President/Secretary General to the competent member of the Technical Commission.

The police are a set of all bodies and institutions in charge of maintenance of public law and order (administrative police and crime investigation departments).

Military police, members of the military, members of the fire brigades and civil servants that do not belong to the police are excluded from the European police championships.

Competitors suspended from sports contests by the USPE or by the respective sports association due to having violated the relevant doping regulations are not eligible to enter.

13. Accreditation/Verification of eligibility to enter

For verification of a person's eligibility, the police ID and passport or national ID-card (including a photo) must be presented to the Delegate of the USPE. In case of a document deficiency, the permission to start may be refused.

According to the USPE Statutes, all participating countries must present the USPE Declaration of Participation for each athlete who will participate, signed by the respective President or Secretary General.

Without the Declaration the participation at the USPE EPC is not possible!

The competent member of the USPE Technical Commission, Mr. Jörg Hirschberger, will affect the verification during the accreditation.

To make the accreditation smooth and easy, the teams have to fill the USPE EPC Accreditation Form before they meet for the accreditation.

For the preparation of the seeding/draws the teams are requested to send existing official ETTU Ranking of their athletes and also a team ranking with Form No. 3.

14. Anti-Doping

Doping tests (urine and/or blood) will be conducted during the championships, with the current WADA list of prohibited substances being applicable. (www.wada-ama.org).

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If any athlete take prohibited substances or use prohibited methods mentioned in the WADA Prohibited list to treat an illness or condition, a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) must be needed to participate.

More information are available at the USPE website www.uspe.org.

15. Financial provisions

15.1 Travelling expenses

Each member union will pay its own travelling expenses.

15.2 Board and lodging

Delegate

The organiser will pay the expenses incurred by the delegate (USPE Rules and Regulations Article R 11) of the respective member union.

Team

For all participants are 50.00 € per person/per night to be paid to the organiser (Article R 14/3 of the Rules and Regulations).

Guests

In case a member country intends to be accompanied by guests and the organiser is able to provide the respective accommodation, each guest has to pay the actual costs incurred by them.

The organizer will send the respective invoices in time

15.3 Registration fee

Prior to a championship, each participating country has to pay a registration fee to the General Treasurer of the USPE. This fee has to be paid before the opening of the championship.

Registration fees:

Each start (single/team) 40.00 €

USPE will send the respective invoices in time.

16. Registration

Each participating member country is requested to send the enclosed forms by E-Mail to:

1. Office of the USPE Secretary General (office@uspe.org)
2. Organising committee (filan@scpolicie.sk)
3. Dirk Weninger, USPE Technical Delegate (dirk.weninger@polizei.berlin.de; dirk.weninger@uspe.org)

Please meet the following deadlines

Form 2	Number of Participants	18 th March 2019
Form 3	Participants Names	1 st August 2019
Form 4	Travelling Details	19 th August 2019

17. Restriction of personality rights

Participants consent through their entry that their personal data/information shall be recorded for the entire competition and results' lists in a file and shall be published on the internet or in USPE publications.

They also consent that photographs/film recordings produced prior to, during and after the event may be used for the purpose of USPE public relations work.

According to the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), every participant must sign an agreement for the use of their personal data. The responsibility is up to the participating member countries.

18. Downloads

All needed documents are available to download at the USPE Downloadcenter:

<https://www.uspe.org/downloadcenter.php>

It is in the responsibility of all participating countries to present all needed documents to the USPE Technical Delegate during the accreditation.

19. Disclaimer

The USPE and the hosts shall not assume any liability in the event of accidents, theft and other events of damage or loss.

The disclaimer shall be recognised upon registration for the event.

20. Notes

One contestant per team has to wear the police uniform of their respective country at the opening ceremony.

All teams shall wear uniform sportswear displaying the emblem of their individual member union.

As to the Final Banquet all participants are requested to attend adequately dressed to suit the occasion (no blue jeans).

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