



2020-2021 European Club Competitions

Entry and seeding

The results of the clubs from the last 3 European Club Competitions' seasons will be used for the 2020-2021 European Club Competition' seeding.

Result points allocation: from the 2017-2018 season 20%, 2018-2019 season 30% and 2019-2020 season 50%. Points for the clubs having reached the Semi-Finals in the 2019-2020 season (and not played due cancellation) received average sum of points for the Winner, Runner-up and Semi-Finalist.

Further details on allocated points available at the seeding lists.

In case of equality in total points for clubs in important positions at the seeding, the most recent result will decide, if equal the result in the previous season, if still equal the result in the season before that. If still equal, a draw will be done.

Limitation of teams per national Association for TTCL is 3 and for ECLW is 3.

Note which starts with the 2021-2022 season and not in the coming season 2020-2021:

The Europe Cup winner from the current season is directly qualified for Champions League of the coming season. (not possible for 2020-2021 season as the 2019-2020 season has been cancelled at Semi-Final stage but will be for the 2021-2022 season). Starting with the 2021-2022 season only results from the previous season will count for ranking.

The Europe Cup winner is directly qualified for the next season Champions League.

If the Europe Cup winner club's Association has already reached its quota 3 in Champions League then this Association's quota is 4.

The Europe Cup winner from the preceding season will be positioned as last team in the seeding before the wild cards' teams.

Wild cards for up to 2 clubs may be given by ETTU / management boards for clubs wishing to join the Champions Leagues (up to 2 TTCL and up to 2 ECLW) but not ranked high enough to reach a Champions League position by seeding.

Clubs asking for wild cards shall meet the following criteria in order to be accepted:

1. show evidence of their playing venue to meet all directive criteria (not only venue related)
2. show evidence (contract) of their top 3 players who will play ECC
3. agree to pay a "buy in" of 10.000 € in addition to the entry fee, in case of "new clubs".

Wild cards in Champions Leagues can only be given if the demanding club's national Association's quota (3) has not been achieved (clubs seeded 1-14 or 15).

These clubs will be seeded number 16 (in case of 1) or numbers 15 and 16 (in case of 2).

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These clubs to start in the 1st group round matches in Europe Cup.

In a first phase, clubs are asked to fill in a preliminary entry form (deadline 29th May 2020). The preliminary entry registration is not mandatory but strongly recommended as it allows ETTU to better analyse and prepare the 2020-2021 season.

In a second phase, clubs can register their club (provisional deadline 9th July 2020). As the seeding is made by club ranking and no more by their players' ranking, the players are registered at a later stage (phase 3 – provisional deadline 3rd September 2020).

Eligibility

To define player nationality, ETTU will use the nationality as provided by the players' passports.

A club can register up to 2 non-European players. In a team match up to 1 non-European player is entitled to play but the second non-European player, if given, can be only nominated as "reserve player" for replacing the other non-European player.

Eligibility players for KO rounds:

In order to be eligible for the KO rounds (Champions League and Europe Cup), players from Champions League group clubs need 50% participation in the group stage. No exception can be made.

Competition structure

Champions League men to start with a qualification round clubs seeded 9-12 vs 13-16* with a home and away match.

The losers are relegated to the Europe Cup group round 2.

The winners are placed on position 3 of the Champions League groups.

Clubs seeded 1-4 are positioned 1st in the groups and clubs seeded 5-8 are positioned 2nd in the groups.

The 4 group winners continue in the semi finals (KO system).

The 4 group 2nd are relegated to the Europe Cup quarter finals.

The 4 group 3rds are eliminated from the European Club Competition.

The same system applies to the Champions League women except that there will be quarter finals where group winners meet group runners up (from a different group) and the 4 group 3rds to continue in the Europe Cup quarter finals.

Europe Cup (men and women) start with a group round (4 groups of 4 clubs seeded 17-32*.

The 4 group winners and 4 group runners up proceed to group round 2 together with the 4 Champions League qualification round losers (4 groups of 3 clubs).

The 4 group round 2 winners proceed to the quarter finals and compete against the 4 Champions League group 2nd (men) 3rd (women) clubs.

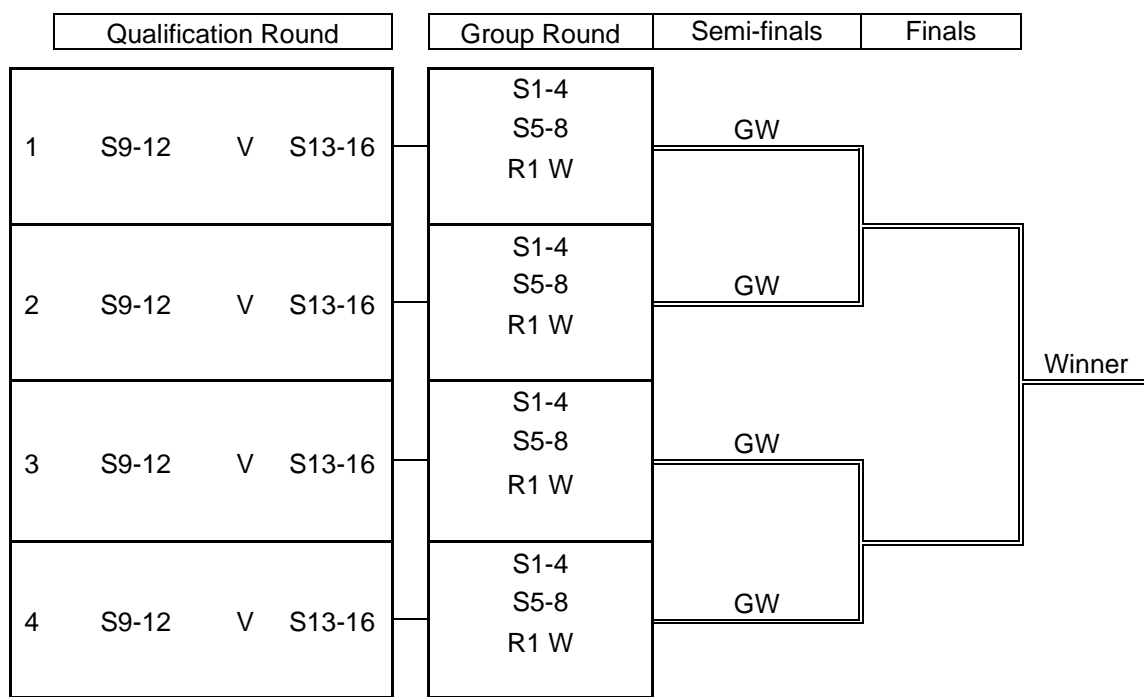
The draw for the Europe Cup stages will be by principle of separation by clubs' national Association as far as possible.

All remaining entered clubs (starting seeded 33*) will be drawn into the Europe Trophy. This competition will be only played in groups.

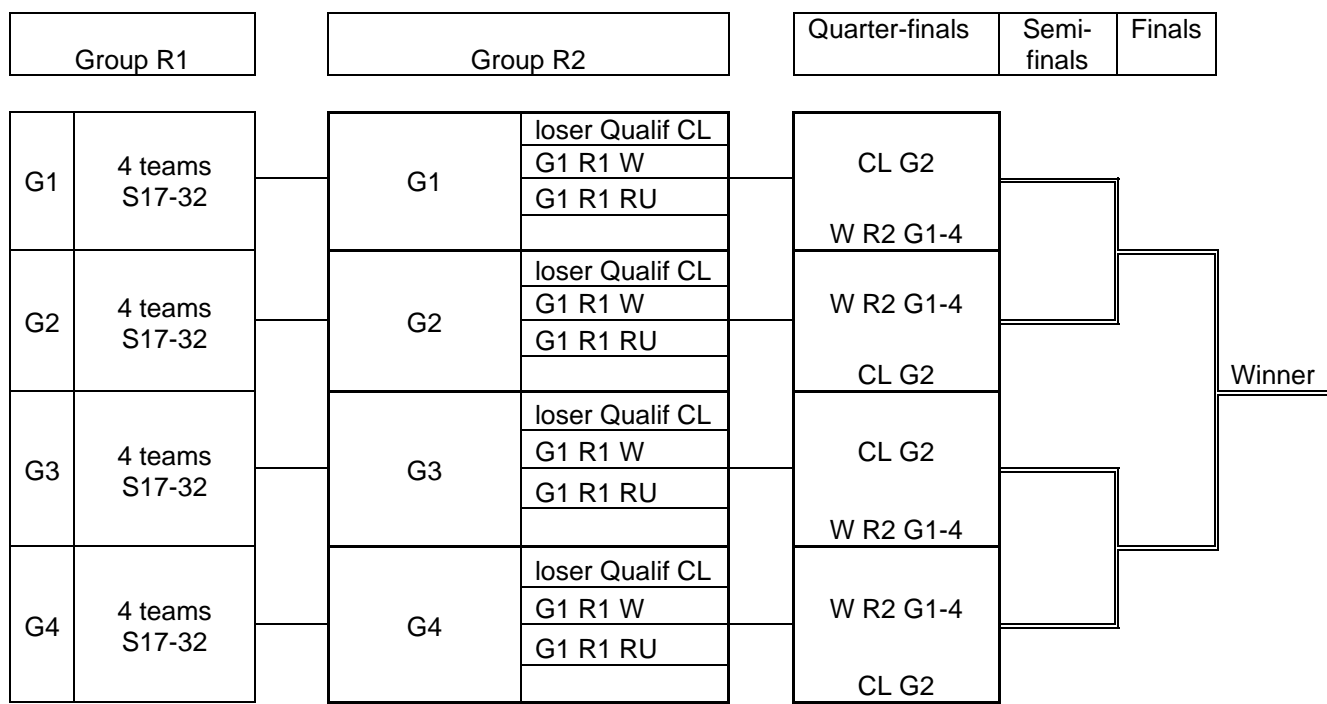
Europe Trophy (3rd level competition) to start in 2021 with less obligations to the clubs and played regional. More information on Europe Trophy available within short.

*if no wild card(s).

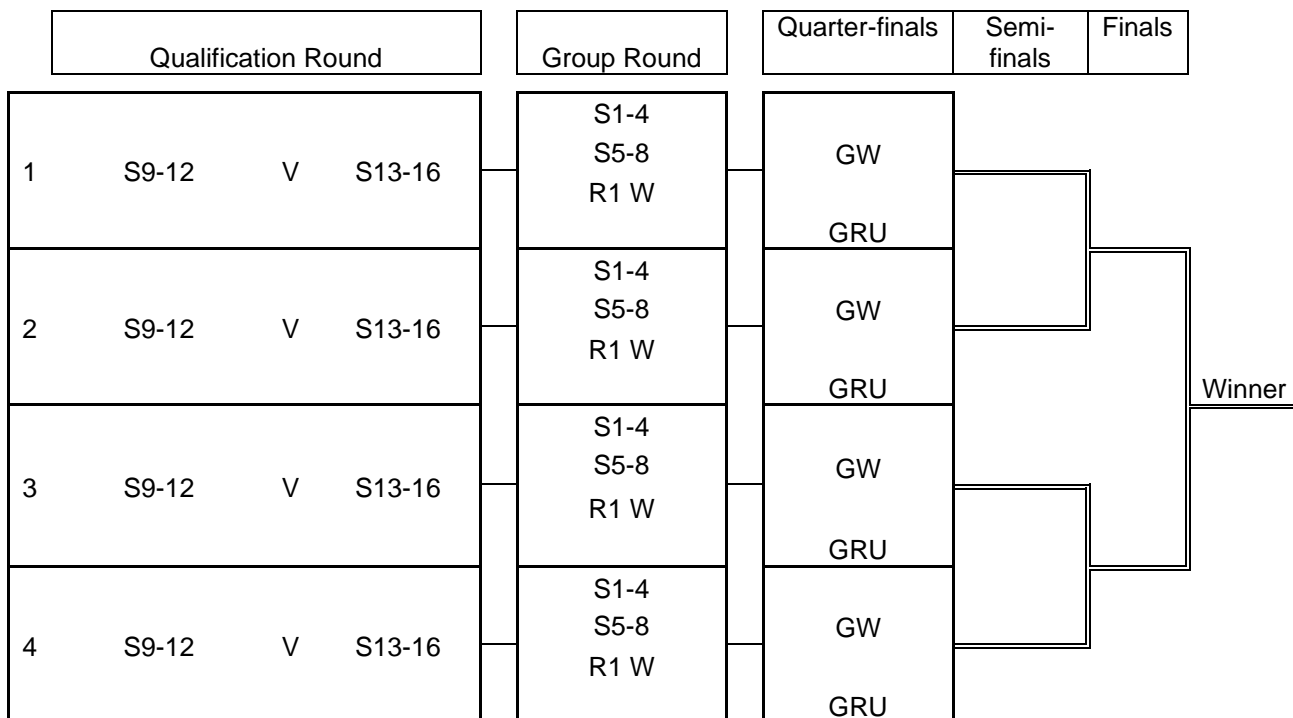
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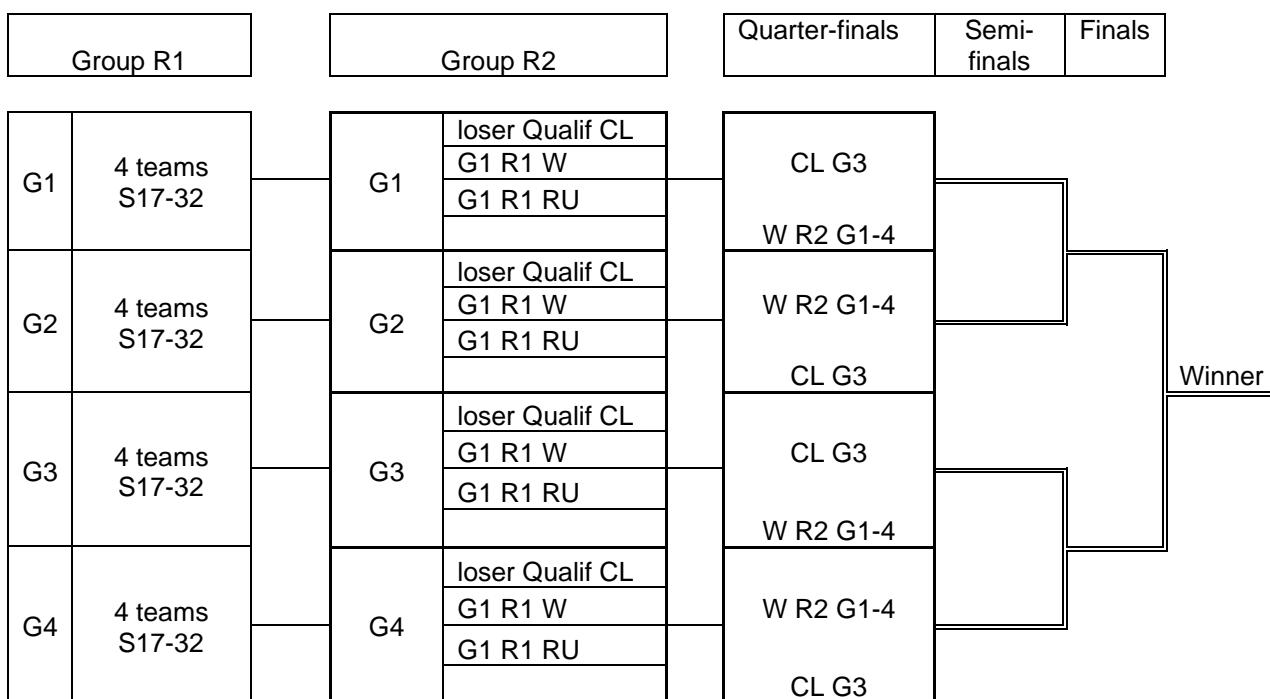
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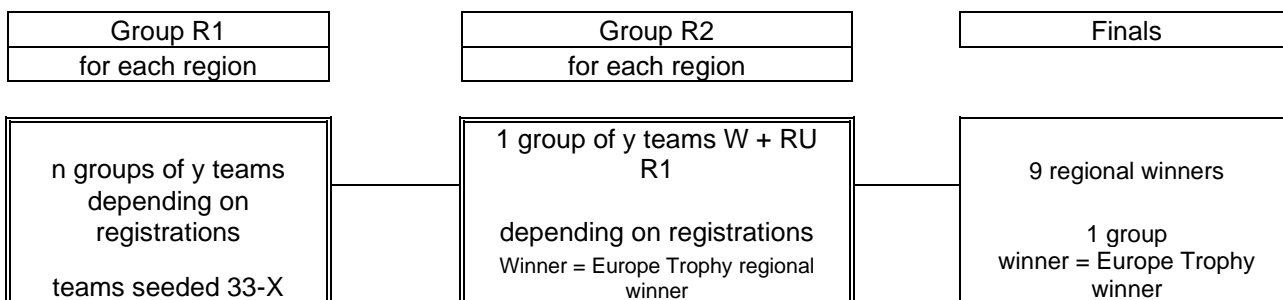
Champions League Women 2020-2021



Europe Cup Women 2020-2021



Europe Trophy Men and Women 2020-2021



S=Seeded, W=Winner, RU=Runner Up, G=Group, GW=Group Winner, R=Round

System of play

1. Knock-out competition method

The knock-out competition method consists of 2 clubs playing each other where the loser is immediately eliminated from winning the TTCLM/ECLW or the Europe Cup men / women competition and the winner qualifies to the next round. The 2 clubs play 1 two-legged match - also called "Home and Away" match.

In a "Home and Away" match, the winner is the club with more allocated points than the other one.

Allocation of points is as follows:

- a. 3 points for the winner 3:0 or 3:1 of a match,
- b. 2 points for the winner 3:2 of a match,
- c. 1 point for the loser 2:3 of a match,
- d. 0 points for the loser 0:3 or 1:3 of a match

In a "Home and Away" match, there is a tie between the 2 clubs when each club has the same number of allocated points. In case of a tie, the Golden Match procedure is used. The Golden Match will be started 10 minutes after the away match (2nd leg) is over.

The Golden Match consists of 3 games (sets) best of 3. The club winning 2 games (sets) is the winner.

The team captains chose for the Golden Match each 3 players who are according to the directives eligible to play and chose for each player the position 1, 2 and 3. The team captains have to provide their line up for the Golden Match to the Referee within 3 minutes after the regular away match (2nd leg) is over.

The order of play in a Golden Match shall be A1 v B1, A2 v B2, A3 v B3. The Golden Match is over once one club has won 2 games (sets).

SPECIAL NOTE:

At regular team matches, the match shall end when a team has won 3 singles even if the "winning club" is already decided before. Walk overs without proof of injury or illness by a medical doctor present at the match will be penalised. Apart from a financial fine, the club whose player(s) made walk over(s) without acceptance of a medical doctor will get 0 points for that team match.

RESULTS				
Leg 1		Leg 2		Who wins ?
Team A	Team B	Team A	Team B	
3	0	0	3	Tie
3	1	1	3	Tie
3	0	1	3	Tie
3	1	0	3	Tie
3	2	2	3	Tie
3	0	2	3	Wins Team A
3	1	2	3	Wins Team A
3	2	0	3	Wins Team B
3	2	1	3	Wins Team B

In addition, in each individual match, the 5th game (set) should start at 0:0 and play until the first player reaches 6 points (sudden death point at 5:5), 1 service each player in a row.

ECLW, same as TTCLM, will have to use ball kids and multiballs for all matches.

Europe Cup, starting from the quarter finals, have to use ball kids and multiballs for all matches.

Playing schedule

The TTCLM matches will be played between Wednesdays and Fridays (exceptions possible).

The ECLW matches will be played between Fridays and Sundays (exceptions possible).

Europe Cup matches will be played between Fridays and Sundays (exceptions possible).

Europe Trophy matches will be played between Saturdays and Sundays (exceptions possible).

TTCLM provisional playing dates:

Qualification Round leg 1: 07-09.10.2020 (teams seeded 9-16)

Qualification Round leg 2: 21-23.10.2020 (teams seeded 9-16)

Group round 1: 19-20.11.2020 (1v3)

Group round 2: 25-27.11.2020 (2v1)

Group round 3: 02-04.12.2020 (3v2)

Group round 4: 16-18.12.2020 (3v1)

Group round 5: 13-15.01.2021 (1v2)

Group round 6: 20-22.01.2021 (2v3)

Semi final 1: 17-19.02.2021

Semi final 2: 24-26.02.2021

Final 1: 17-19.03.2021

Final 2: 24-26.03.2021

ECLW provisional playing dates:

Qualification Round leg 1: 09-11.10.2020 (teams seeded 9-16)
Qualification Round leg 2: 23-25.10.2020 (teams seeded 9-16)
Group round 1: 20-22.11.2020 (1v3)
Group round 2: 27-29.11.2020 (2v1)
Group round 3: 04-06.12.2020 (3v2)
Group round 4: 18-20.12.2020 (3v1)
Group round 5: 08-10.01.2021 (1v2)
Group round 6: 15-17.01.2021 (2v3)
Quarter final 1: 12-14.02.2021
Quarter final 2: 19-21.02.2021
Semi final 1: 19-21.03.2021
Semi final 2: 26-28.03.2021
Final 1: 09-11.04.2021
Final 2: 16-18.04.2021

Europe Cup men and women provisional playing dates:

Round 1: 12-13.12.2020
Round 2: 20-21.02.2021
Quarter final 1: 19-21.03.2021
Quarter final 2: 26-28.03.2021
Semi final 1: 09-11.04.2021
Semi final 2: 16-18.04.2021
Final 1: 30-02.05.2021
Final 2: 07-09.05.2021

Europe Trophy men and women provisional playing dates:

Round 1: 2021
Round 2: 2021
Alternative date: 2021
Final: 2021

Dates may be subject to change due to the European and international TT calendar.

Playing clothing

The European Club Competitions (men and women) opt out from ITTF Regulations for International Competitions for advertisements on players' clothing to allow more space on clothing for advertisement.

Opting out is only for the sizes and total number of advertisements.

Force majeure

In case of "force majeure"*, the ETTU Executive Board may decide, after consultation with the Management Boards, the Club Competition Official, the Secretary General and Sportradar, on any amendment to the general organisation and planning of the European Club Competitions. Such amendment may come into force also during an ECC season.

*Force majeure is extended to the well-being and safety of all involved parities including the need to guarantee the best possible continuation of the ECC.
