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7th USPE European Police Championships Table Tennis 27th – 31st May 2015 in Varna/Bulgaria

Invitation to enter

The Bulgarian Police Sport Federation (Sports Association - Bulgarian Ministry of Interior) was entrusted by the Union Sportive des Polices d'Europe (USPE) with the organization of the 7th USPE European Police Championships Table Tennis from 27th – 31st May 2015 in Varna/Bulgaria.

The following invitation to enter is issued for the USPE EPC Table Tennis 2015.

- General Organiser**
Union Sportive des Polices d'Europe (USPE)
- Organiser**
Sports Association - Bulgarian Ministry of Interior
- Date**
Arrival: 27th May 2015
Departure: 31st May 2015
- Venue**
Palace of Culture and Sports – Varna, Bulgaria
<http://palaceofvarna.com/congressHall.aspx?lang=en>
- Accommodation/Travelling**
Everyone will be accommodated in a hotel in the sea resort Golden Sands.
<http://www.goldensands.bg/>
Further information will follow.

The organizer will provide the transportation from Airport/Train station Varna to the hotel according the travelling details of all the delegations.

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

6. Competition rules

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

4.12.1 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.

4.12.2 The competitions held shall include the following events:

- Men's' singles and men's doubles
- Ladies' singles and ladies' doubles
- Mixed doubles
- Team competitions for ladies and men

4.12.3 Each member country may enter up to four sportsmen and four sportswomen as well as up to two attendants. However, the number of attendants must not exceed the number of sportsmen/-women.

6.2 **Team Competition:**

The team competition will take place according to the rules of the International Table Tennis Association, Art.3.7.6 Team Match Systems and Art.3.7.7 Team Match Procedure.

The team competition for men will be the best of five matches (four singles and one double).

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

The order of play shall be

Players Team one: A, B, C; Players Team two: X, Y, Z

- 1) A vs. X
- 2) B vs. Y
- 3) doubles: C & (A or B) vs. Z & (X or Y)
- 4) (B or A) vs. Z
- 5) C vs. (Y or X)

A match will be finished when a team has won three individual matches (best of five).

The team competition for women will take place according to the **Corbillon Cup System**.

A team consists of three players, who are chosen from among all who have been announced for the competition, together with a captain who plays or does not play. Before the match the team captain decide by drawing lots the choice of A, B, C/X, Y, Z. They then have to announce their team to the senior referee, while each player is assigned a letter.

A match will be finished when a player has won three sets ("best of five").

A player who has to attend matches which immediately follow each other has the right to have 5 minutes pause between these matches.

6.3 Draw

The draw for the team competitions will be performed at the Technical Meeting. The teams will be ranked according to the results of the USPE EPC Table Tennis 2011.

The draw for the singles and doubles competitions will be performed after the team competitions.

6.4 Equipment

The information about the equipment (Tables, Balls, etc.) will follow. The new plastic balls will not be used.

7. Referees

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

The organiser is in charge of ensuring that there are sufficient referees. The minimum standard for the referees is the highest national level.

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

8. Provisional timetable

Wednesday 27th May 2015

Arrival, Accreditation, Technical Meeting, Dinner

Depending on the registration forms, the organiser will provide time for training on the day of arrival.

Thursday 28th May 2015

Opening ceremony, competitions

Friday 29th May 2015

Competitions

Saturday 30th May 2015

Competitions, closing ceremony, awarding ceremony and final official dinner

Sunday 31st May 2015

Departure

The exact program will be issued in time.

9. Jury of appeal

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

The Jury of Appeal for the USPE EPC Table Tennis 2015 is comprised of:

1. Fred Kusserow Secretary General of the USPE, Chairmen

2. Jörn Durst Member of the Technical Commission
3. Simeon Gugalov Member of Managing Board of the Sports Association –
Bulgarian Ministry of Interior
4. Michail Froloshki General Secretary of the Bulgarian Table Tennis Federation

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 EUR, paid in cash.

10. 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.

USPE Statutes Article 23: The Competitors

(1) 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. are police officers 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,
7. and submit the USPE Declaration of Participation signed by the respective President/Secretary General to the competent member of the Technical Commission.

USPE Rules and Regulations Article R 12/2: Competitors

(1) In order to be able to take part in an European championship organised by the USPE, the members of the member unions have to fulfil the following conditions:

1. They have to satisfy the provisions set out in Article 23 of the Statutes.
2. They have to be police officers or students at a public police academy. 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).

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

USPE Competition Rules paragraph 1.3.2:

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.

USPE Competition Rules paragraph 1.5:

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

11. Accreditation/Verification of eligibility to enter

For verification of a person's eligibility, the presentation of the police ID and passport or national ID-card (including a photo) must be presented to the Technical Delegate of the USPE. In case these documents are not presented, permission to start could 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 verification will be effected by the competent member of the USPE Technical Commission, Mr. Jörn Durst.

12. 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.wadama.org).

Every Competitor must sign the USPE Anti-Doping-Declaration and hand it over to the USPE Technical Delegate at the accreditation.

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

13. Expenses/fees**13.1. Travelling expenses**

Each member union will pay its own travelling expenses.

**13.2. Board and lodging
Delegate**

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

Team

For all participants 40,00 € per person per night are to be paid to the organizer (Article R 14/3 of the Rules and Regulations).

Guests

Should a member country intend to take guests with them and should the organiser be able to provide the respective accommodation, each guest has to pay the actual costs incurred by them.

The costs for guests will be as follows:

Single room per night, meals and final dinner – 60.00 €

Double room per night, meals and final dinner – 100.00€

The respective invoices will be sent by the organiser.

13. 3. Registration fee

USPE Rules and Regulations Article R 14/2:

Prior to a championship each participating nation has to pay a registration fee to the General Treasurer of the USPE.

This fee has to be paid before the opening of the championships.

Registration fees:

Each start (single/team): 40,00 EUR

The respective invoices will be sent to the participating member countries in time by the USPE.

14. Registration

Each participating member country is requested to send the enclosed forms

You are requested to send enclosed forms by E-mail to:

1. Office of the USPE Secretary General (office@uspe.org)
2. Sports Association - Bulgarian Ministry of Interior (office@sa-mvr.com)
3. Jörn Durst, responsible member of the USPE Technical Commission (joern.durst@polizei.thueringen.de)

Please meet the following deadlines:

Form 2: Number of Participants 12th December 2014

Form 3: Participants Names 7th April 2015

Form 4: Travelling Details 22nd April 2015

15. Restriction of personality rights

Entrants 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.

16. Disclaimer

The USPE and the Sports Association - Bulgarian Ministry of Interior 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.

17. 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, you are requested to attend adequately dressed to suit the occasion (no blue Jeans).

The participating teams are responsible for the assurance of their delegation.

Fred Kusserow
USPE Secretary General

Ivan Mladenov
Sports Association - Bulgarian Ministry of Interior