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**In attention to:**

FISTF Member Nations  
FISTF Boards of Directors

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FISTF Members, Boards of Directors (all national associations)

**Subject: Youth Champions- and Europa League 2018 / 2019**

**Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,  
Dear Member Nations,  
Dear FISTF Board members,**

This is a FISTF notification for the upcoming FISTF implementation of the new FISTF Youth Champions- and Europa League, Abbreviation YCL and YEL.

**Youth Champions- and Europa League  
Beginning with Season 2018 / 2019**

**Information:**

Validity per : 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018.  
Valid for : All clubs participating at the Youth Champions- and Europa League 2018.  
This is valid for FISTF members  
and  
**Emerging non-FISTF member countries.**

**Condition to field / nominate a Club Team or regional team on the match protocol:**

Three (3) : U19, U15 and U12 youth players and female players can participate.

This should ease the task to find youth players in your local area. Motivation within positive educational reasoning with parents are necessary. Contact us, if you have questions.



## FISTF Youth Champions- and Europa League

### **Reasoning:**

Over the years, the notion of a "club" within our sport has been reduced in many countries to the notion of a "team", without the desire of founding/creating Clubs with 'youth teams' and that needs to be developed in each country with strong priority.

As a result of this direction, FISTF asks all clubs (not teams) to manage and develop youth projects. A growing number of transfers every year will not develop clubs positively nor bring young players to the sport. Seeking for new young and also middle aged players needs to be the focus.

Several sports friends may see this growth of transfers as a development, but that is not the case at all. If we look at that with a clear mind, then we see player transfers as a negative development for a wider spreading of our sport in all regions. The future of our sport → is YOUTH.

The progress inside elite clubs, 2nd tier clubs and emerging clubs for development of youth is very low. The promotion for youth of 10 years of age to under 19 players, needs action now.

The FISTF Board's main target is to motivate all clubs (not teams) world wide to take care for youth work and increase the number of players around the globe. Clubs should focus within their area or region, to promote our sport and go public to find youth and train them to play sport table football. Leaflets, Flyers for aducation and sport presentation for public work is necessary.

## FISTF Youth Champions- and Europa League Paragraphs for the handbook version 10.xx

### **Article 1 - Qualified teams**

#### Art. 1.0

The Youth representatives of all the clubs affiliated to FISTF and non-affiliated associations may take part in the Youth Champions- and Europa League for club teams. In this competition every club can register more than one team. It is recommend that Youth or Development club leagues are built in all FISTF Nations to have a platform. These may consist of minimum three players for development reasons.

#### Art. 1.1

The first team will take the name of the club (STFC Huge United), the second team will be indicated with an additional name or suffix (STFC Huge United 'Youth' or 'Young girls' or 'Youth Flickers'. (STFC = Sports Table Football Club)

At the time of registration each club will provide a list of club teams, well distinct written and not changeable during the event.

Same club teams can not referee each other at any time.



## Article 2 - Composition of Youth teams

The club teams will be composed of three players, belonging to the U12, U15 or U19 categories.

In each club team can play only one U19 youth player, even if more than one U19 player may be presented in the club team list specified prior. If U19 players are present in both club teams, then these two U19 players must play each other obligatory.

Three different example:

### Team X vs. Team Y

U15 versus U19.	U19 versus U19.	U15 versus U15.
U12 versus U15.	U12 versus U15.	U12 versus U15
U15 versus U12.	U15 versus U15.	U12 versus U12.

Practically all players under 15 are in the same category including females.

## Article 3 - Formula of the event

Depending on the number of club teams registered, such club teams will be drawn/organized in groups of numerous club teams as possible, so to allow the young players to play a large number of matches. Regulation as in the Handbook written for FISTF tournaments.

After the group phase (round robin system) we proceed with the knock-out-system, with the creation of two youth tournaments.

The Youth Champions League (YLC), will be played with the qualified teams from the group stage, while the Youth Europa League (YEL), will be played by the eliminated teams of the group stage.

## Article 4 – Carrying out of the draw

### Art 4.0

Before the beginning (start) of the event, each club team will present a list of their players containing the names of the team captain and any accompanying team manager (responsible person) to the organizer (Host Club) and FISTF official.

The captain will be responsible for delivering the list of players summoned for each game, the draw and the deployment of the club team.

During the draw and during the match, only the 3 players indicated in the list of each team and the referees of the match are allowed to stay within the match sector.



#### Art 4.1

The draw will take place as follows:

The captain of each team will deliver the list of players to the head referee, who will deploy the players in the order established in the list. If only one team will play with an U19, he (she) will have to play with the first U15, indicated in the list.

### Article 5 - Limits of the goal difference (Rule of 5 goal difference)

The development of the youth will see this protection rule for weaker players. A strong player knows his strength anyway.

In each case, the goals scored by a player in a single match up to 5 goals difference will be counted. The additional goal difference of 3 goals (e.g.: 8-0) will not be taken into consideration. All the matches with a result superior of more than 5 goal differences, will be considered as a 5-0 result.

If a match ends 7-2, then the difference is 5 goals, all goals scored will be counted.

If a match ends 8-1, then the difference is 5 goals, 6-1 score will be counted.

The 6-1 result will be counted, and not a 5-0.

In case the clubs draw 1-1 in their knock-out-stage match, the goal difference will count after the regular time of 2x15minutes. 📄 See handbook regulations.

### Team X vs. Team Y

U15 versus U19. 1-9 counted 1-6

U12 versus U15. 7-2 counted 7-2

U15 versus U12. 2-2 counted 2-2

Result 1-1 counted 10-10

→ Extra time, then shoot out all three tables

### Article 6 – Substitutions

At the end of the first half a club team or regional team can replace one player. The only limitation is, that a U19 player can only replace another U19 player.

### Article 7 - Help and protection of the teams

All the club teams or regional team inscriptions will be free of charge. To avoid transfers and a wild market of the young players, only the youth players registered in the previous season (Example 2019/2020) with the same club can play the Youth Champions- and Europa League 2020/2021). Youth players that make a first maiden inscription with a club, may play immediately in the same season (Example 2020/2021).



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### **Article 8 - Match Procedure**

For each team match, the team's captain shall present a maximum of 4 players in the playing area. Maximum two of them are U19. In that case, one of them will be the reserve player.

The captains will write the order of his players on the match protocol to the referee.

Player number 1 of each team will play against each other.

Player number 2 will play against each other

Player number 3 will play against each other.

If a team has one U19, he/she must always be placed as number 1.

At half time, both captains have the opportunity to substitute one of their 3 players. The referee shall be notified of this substitution. The reserve player takes over any sanctioned cards (Yellow or orange) of the player he replaced.

If the reserve is U19, he/she may replace only the other U19 player.

### **Article 9 – Host club, venue of the event. Sports facility.**

Each FISTF Nation or club may send anytime a candidature to FISTF Board of Directors F-BoD). Please take in consideration that enough youth facilities are available such as confort sleeping areas, Hotels, food and liquid supply.

Medical assistance should be available as well.

### **First edition 2018/2019.**

The first edition of the Youth Champions- and Europa League will be held in Frameries (Belgium) on 2nd and 3rd March 2019. A.S.Hennuyer and Oliver Pere will be the organizers of the event.

### **Information:**

In case you have good ideas, solutions or opinion for any Youth thematic, write to FISTF directly within your local associations knowledge.

### **Candidature up to 2022.**

Send us the **candidature** letter in case you are interested to be a host club.

Edition 2019/2020

Edition 2020/2021


Edition 2021/2022

Edition 2022/2023



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## Youth Champions- and Europa League Beginning with season 2018 / 2019

- Regulation § xx : Youth champions- and Europa League (YCL & YEL).  
Handbook  : The regulation will be added to the FISTF handbook (New Version 10.xx), and will follow, as soon as we are able to publish the new version 10.xx. This notification is valid and be used for this regulation in any case.  
Beginning date : 1st September 2018  
Reason: FISTF needs to act on Youth development and implement this important rule in the interest of our clubs.  
Nations : FISTF - European impact for Season 2018/2019.  
Non-affiliated FISTF Associations. → Emerging nations as well.

### Board vote:

The FISTF Board has voted and decided:

**Yes** : votes **9**  
Abstention : votes 0  
**No** : votes 0

The resolution for the new regulation governing foreign players was therefore carried.

**Resolution:** FISTF Youth Champions– and Europa League.

**Abbreviation** YCL and YEL.

**Adaptions:** ...may follow, in case specifications are not understandable.

With kindest regards  
**FISTF Board 2018/2021**

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