

From:	European Director of Referees
То:	Referees – all
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Subject:	2012 European Touch Championships – Referee Expressions of Interest

Dear Referees

The 2012 European Touch Championships (ETC2012) is scheduled take place in Treviso, Italy, during the second week of September. Games are anticipated to beginning on Wednesday 12th or Thursday 13th (depending on the tournament size and schedule) and finish on Sunday 16th.

The 2010 event in Bristol was the largest yet and it is conceivable that, as the sport of Touch continues to grow so expansively in Europe, this year's event will be bigger again. As a result it is anticipated that a large contingent of trained, accredited, professional referees will be required to officiate.

As the European Director of Referees, I invite expressions of interest (EOI) from referees to participate at ETC2012. EOIs are welcome from referees world-wide. Please note however that your EOI is not a formal nomination to attend nor acceptance of same – this process will follow later.

Please submit your EOI using this form before January 31st.

The minimum referee badge level requirement for ETC2012 is set at Europe Level 2 (or regional equivalent). If you currently hold a Level 1 badge but intend to pursue a Level 2 upgrade during the season in advance of ETC2012, you are also invited to submit an EOI at this time.

The objective of this process is to give tournament organisers and national associations (NTAs) an early indication of the referee contingent potentially available and therefore the size of event that could be catered for. NTAs will be required to provide a quota of full-time referees per team entered. There will be no avenue for player/referees at this tournament – all referees appointed shall be referees only and may not be members of a participating team.

Thank you in advance for your support with this process. You are also encouraged to follow Touch Europe Referees on <u>Facebook</u> and/or <u>Twitter</u> as quick updates will be posted via these channels.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Yours in Touch

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