

EVENT BRIEF No 2

2011 European Club Touch Championships (ECTC2011)

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1. The inaugural Federation of International Touch 2011 European Club Touch Championships (ECTC2011) will be conducted at the Benetton Fields, La Ghirada, Treviso, Italy during the period 23 – 25 September 2011. European Member countries are invited to encourage affiliated Clubs to participate in the tournament with the objective to identify the inaugural 2011 European Champion Club Team.
- 1.2. This brief updates and supersedes the Preliminary Brief issued in January 2011.

2. The Location – Benetton / Treviso

- 2.1. The Benetton playing fields near Treviso are in the North east of Italy. There are several playing pitches available and they will be correctly marked. For a map of the Benetton playing area please go to:
<http://maps.google.com.au/maps?hl=en&ie=UTF8&q=treviso+rugby&fb=1&gl=au&hq=rugby&hnear=Treviso,+Italy&view=map&cid=15871714885309306036&iwloc=A&ved=0CDIQpQY&sa=X&ei=3f0wTaLsBYiCkAXGsejLDQ>
- 2.2. There is much tradition around the venue and the Benetton Rugby Club. There are several change rooms available, an integrated PA system and control room, with excellent food outlets and other facilities.
- 2.3. With the closest international airport to the tourist destination of Venice, which is just half an hour away, Treviso is considered the gateway to the North and North East of Italy. Treviso also has access from the East, North and West by a major motorway system. For more about Treviso go to http://www.travelplan.it/treviso_guide.htm
- 2.4. Medical services are available at the venue and the host will provide medical staff throughout the event. An ambulance will be available.
- 2.5. There is an ice machine on site. Benetton will also supply a merchandising outlet at the venue. Further details will be provided in due course.

3. Transport & Accommodation

- 3.1. It is recommended that clubs plan to arrive before Friday evening and plan to depart after Sunday evening. Matches will likely begin 9:00am Saturday morning.
- 3.2. Participating clubs are responsible for travel to and from Treviso and for daily, domestic travel between accommodation and the Benetton playing fields. The host country may assist with coordination of this element.

3.3. Treviso international airport (TSF) is within a few minutes of the Treviso city and the playing venue. Treviso is only a 20 minute train ride from the magical city of Venice. Several budget airlines such as Ryanair and EasyJet fly to Treviso and a return flight UK – Treviso is approximately £150. For further information on Treviso airport visit:
<http://www.italyheaven.co.uk/veneto/venice/trevisoairport.html>

3.3 Clubs will also be responsible to identify, book and pay for local accommodation. There is a wide range of accommodation on offer within 30 minutes of the playing fields, with something to suit every taste and budget. The Italian coordinators will provide recommendations and are coordinating group discounts for club teams with the following:

- Maggiore Consiglio - <http://www.boscolohotels.com/eng/hotels/maggiorconsiglio/luxury-hotel-treviso.htm>
- Locanda da Renzo - <http://www.locandadarenzo.it/>
- Hotel Al Giardino - <http://www.hotelalgiardino.it/italiano/algiardino.htm>
- Park Hotel Bolognese <http://www.hotelbolognese.com/contatti.php>

3.4 There are a number of hotels in Treviso itself and close to the venue. Some additional accommodation contact sites include:

- BHR Treviso <http://www.bhrtrevisohotel.com/it/bhr-treviso-hotel/home>
- Hotel Mezza Luna <http://www.mezzalunahotel.it/ita/default.aspx>
- Carlton Hotel in the centre <http://www.hotelcarlton.it/>
- Continental Hotel in the centre <http://www.hcontinental.it/>

4. Tournament Conditions

4.1. The draft tournament conditions for this event have been amended. There is no restriction on international representation with teams for this event.

4.2. To be eligible to enter EUCTC2011 a Club must meet the following criteria:

4.2.1. Be a legitimate and financial Club in a regular Touch competition in Europe conducted by a national or regional affiliate to the Federation of International Touch;

4.2.2. Register not less than ten (10) and not more than fourteen (14) players;

4.2.3. Meet the registration and financial requirements of EUCTC2011 which include submission of Team Entry Form (attached), Registration Form (TBA), provision of a club-sponsored referee (see 4.1.4 below) and meeting appropriate fee payment timelines (See 6.1 below);

4.2.4. Each participating club is to provide one non-playing referee for the duration of EUCTC2011. That referee must hold a current referee qualification. The respective club-sponsored referee may be based in any European country and need not come from the same country or region as the participating club. However the provision of a sponsored referee for EUCTC2011 is a mandatory entry requirement. Note that EUCTC2011 is a qualifying event and referees are eligible for upgrading at the event;

4.2.5. Participating Clubs will be required to meet the FIT uniform requirements.

- 4.3. The FIT Playing Rules – 3rd Edition 2003 will apply.
- 4.4. Accredited European referees will officiate and the minimum acceptable level is one (1), including theoretically qualified referees in need of practical assessment. The European (white, on-field) referee uniform will be used.
- 4.5. Team representatives will need to liaise with team-sponsored referees to ascertain any upgrade nomination required on the Team Entry form. Further advice on referee numbers, accommodation, upgrading details and referee coaching will be advised in due course.

5. Tournament Structure

- 5.1. The offered playing Divisions are:
 - 5.1.1. Mixed Open (MXO); and
 - 5.1.2. Men's 35 (M35)
- 5.2. Clubs can anticipate playing three games on Day 1 of EUCTC2011. Following analysis of results from Day 1 matches, Clubs can expect to be separated into higher and lower competition categories (i.e. Championship and Bowl) and three further games on Day 2 can be anticipated.
- 5.3. The event will be delivered on the basis of a minimum of sixteen (16) eligible club entries. The event will be delivered in both divisions provided there is a minimum of four (4) eligible club entries in each division. If the required minimum team numbers are not received, clubs submitting team entry forms will receive Registration Fee refunds.
- 5.4. The Championship category winners will be declared European Club Champions in the respective division. Trophies will be supplied for category winners and runners-up.
- 5.5. There will be a presentation function on Sunday 25th September 2011 near the venue.

6. Finances

- 6.1. Details of financial accounts and particularly payment details are as follows:
 - 6.1.1. Account Name, Touch Rugby Italia
 - 6.1.2. Via Ponchielli 33 – 20052 Monza
 - 6.1.3. Bank, Banca Prossima
 - 6.1.4. Codice IBAN: IT40G0335901600100000011421
 - 6.1.5. Codice BIC/SWIFT: BCITITMX
- 6.2. The following registration fees will apply:
 - 6.2.1. The Team Registration Fee, due with submission of the Team Entry Form is €50;
 - 6.2.2. The individual Participant Fee is €30; and
 - 6.2.3. Referees will be exempt Participation Fees.
- 6.3. On both days lunch will be provided and the cost of which is included part of the individual participant fee. A special presentation banquet is planned for Sunday evening which will be an individual cost of €20 per head.

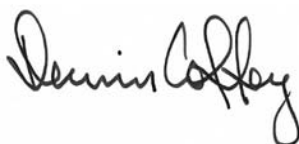
- 6.4. When submitting your entry form and making the bank transfer, please clearly indicate your club's name with the bank transfer to assist with identification of deposits.
- 6.5. All clubs and players must be financial prior to participation in the first match of the tournament.

7. Tournament Officials

- 7.1. The event is hosted by Italian Touch. To assist with event delivery and training of event officials leading into the July 2012 European Touch Championships, the following appointments have been made:
 - 7.1.1. Tournament Director – TBA)
 - 7.1.2. Referee Director - TBA
 - 7.1.3. Referee Coordinator / Manager – Mr Fabrizio Ranuzzi (Italy)
 - 7.1.4. Entry & Registrations – Ms Rosi Rossi (Italy)
 - 7.1.5. Tournament Staff – TBA

8. Contact Details

- 8.1. Team Entries / Registration Email: rosangelarossi.red@gmail.com
- 8.2. Accommodation Email: info@touchrugbyitalia.it
- 8.3. Referees Email: fabrizio.ranuzzi@gmail.com
- 8.4. General Tournament Information (Host) Email: presidente@touchrugbyitalia.it



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