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EBL President

To: EBL NBO Presidents
Cc: EBL EC members
WBF President

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EUROPEAN NATIONAL YOUTH TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS 2022

Dear Presidents, dear friends,

As you know, the ENYTC was moved from 2021 to 2022 due to the pandemic. This has raised questions about what age restrictions will apply to the postponed championships. In November 2020 the EBL Executive Committee decided that for 2022 events the age criteria applicable would be those of 2022, when the championships will actually take place.

In the meantime, several NBOs have contacted us requesting a “transition” arrangement, arguing that many young players would lose the opportunity to represent their country even though they would have been eligible in 2021. It is most obvious for the U26 Category, but even for younger players, having to move up into an older Category may make it hard for them to qualify for the team. Each NBO may have a different situation, and some may even prefer the existing decision for competitive reasons (e.g., if they have no strong players aged 26, 21 or 16 this year!).

In recognition of this situation, and listening to the concerns of our NBO members, the EBL EC has today taken the decision to apply the following **age restrictions for the ENYTC in 2022**:

- Each team, in every category, may include **up to two players who satisfied the 2021 age requirements but no longer do so in 2022**.
- All other players must satisfy the 2022 age requirements.
- This rule applies only to EBL events held in 2022. From 2023 onwards, the usual age restrictions will apply.

N.B. For the World National Youth Teams Championships scheduled for 2023 – to which our ENYTC 2022 qualifies - the WBF has decided that the usual age restrictions will be enforced.

We are pleased to have been able to accommodate requests from our members, in furtherance of our common objective to support and promote our sport among young players.

Sincerely

Jan Kamras