

Table tennis joins flagship European event

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Table tennis has been confirmed as part of the multi-sport European Championships in 2022.

Table tennis is one of four sports, alongside beach volleyball, canoe sprint and sport climbing, to be announced as joining athletics, cycling, gymnastics, rowing and triathlon at the event in Munich from August 11 to 21, 2022.

Munich 2022 will be the second edition of the multi-sport European Championships following the outstanding success of the inaugural event in 2018, when Glasgow and Berlin jointly hosted seven European Championships across 13 disciplines.

The 2022 edition will follow hot on the heels of the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham, meaning the England athletes will be in 'multi-sport mode' for several weeks.

Simon Mills, Director of Sport at Table Tennis England, said: "We're delighted to see table tennis joining a multi-sport championships and look forward to seeing our players compete in Munich.

"It makes for a busy 2022 summer but will be a great showcase for table tennis and a chance for our players to show what they can do."

Ronald Kramer, President of the European Table Tennis Union (ETTU), said: "Being part of the EC2022 gives table tennis a great platform to organise our European Championships in a multi-sports event, leading to better opportunities for promoting our sport in Europe.

"We are not just very excited about our participation, but also honoured to be part of this select group of sports holding their 2022 European Championships in Munich, in a country with a great record in table tennis, in top level competitions, with large numbers of athletes and spectators."

The multi-sport European Championships is an 11-day celebration of world-class sport that brings together existing individual continental championships into one coordinated event staged every four years. The Championships has a central timetable, uniform branding on-site, on-air and across digital and print media,

with an overall country ranking table.

A television audience of more than 1.4 billion watched the 2018 edition on free-to-air channels via EBU Member broadcasters and partners in 44 territories across Europe and worldwide.

The event will take place 50 years after Munich hosted the 1972 Olympics.

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