

AETF Board Meeting – Public Summary

Meeting: AETF Board of Directors (Public Summary)

Date: Sunday, 19 October 2025

Platform: Online (Microsoft Teams)

Purpose of this Document

As part of the AETF Board's commitment to improved **communication and transparency**, this document provides a **public-facing summary** of key discussions and outcomes from the AETF Board Meeting held on 19 October 2025.

It highlights key strategic topics and agreed directions while **excluding confidential, sensitive, personal, or commercially restricted information**.

Attendance

The meeting was chaired by the AETF President and attended by members of the AETF Board of Directors, together with the AETF Advisor and the Chair of the Revisory Commission. Apologies were noted from the Technical Director and one Board member.

1. Updates from ITF World Championships (Poreč)

The President provided a summary of key meetings held during the ITF World Championships in Poreč, including sponsor discussions, committee meetings, and constructive engagement with ITF leadership.

The Board welcomed the positive tone of dialogue and reaffirmed AETF's commitment to professional cooperation and transparent communication.

2. Sponsorship and Partnerships

The Board received an update on sponsorship discussions held with several potential commercial partners. The approach focuses on partnership, promotion and long-term cooperation.

The Board noted that sponsors responded positively to AETF's direction, professionalism and transparency, and that further work is progressing through standard contractual processes.

3. Inclusion and Athlete Support

The Board discussed inclusion planning for the AETF European Championships 2026 in Maribor.

It was agreed that an **adapted Taekwon-Do demonstration/showcase** will be included in the programme to promote safe and inclusive participation. Participants will be recognised as part of the Championships programme.

4. Anti-Doping and Health Promotion

The Board received an update on anti-doping compliance and athlete education activity.

The Board supported continued alignment with international standards, including:

- Anti-doping education initiatives for athletes and coaches
- Testing activity at the 2026 European Championships

5. Finance and Budget Preparation

The Board reviewed a preliminary financial update and noted that final statements are being completed by the AETF administrative office. A draft 2026 budget will be prepared once final figures are confirmed.

6. Governance: Constitution and By-laws

The Board reviewed progress on the draft AETF Constitution and By-laws prepared through a governance working process with legal consultation.

Next steps agreed:

- Finalise legal verification
- Circulate drafts to member countries for feedback
- Hold online consultation meetings to review the documents in a structured, transparent manner
- Submit the final proposal for adoption at the next AETF Congress (April 2026)

7. Official Ranking Tournaments and Event Calendar

Following review of hosting applications and consultations with organisers, the Board approved the proposed programme of official ranking events for the 2025–2026 cycle and confirmed that a full ranking calendar will be published.

The Board reaffirmed its intention to promote geographic balance in future editions and to support high-quality standards across official ranking events.

8. Umpire Education Pathway

The Board confirmed the AETF Umpire Seminar in **Maribor (6–8 February 2026)**, and discussed development of the annual pathway for umpire education.

It was agreed that implementation should be phased appropriately, balancing improved professionalism and standards with accessibility for volunteers. The Umpire Committee will review feedback and return with updated proposals.

9. Competition Delivery Standards (European Championships 2026)

The Board discussed operational planning for the AETF European Championships 2026, including measures to improve schedule flow, working conditions for officials, and fairness.

The Board reaffirmed the importance of:

- Strong ethical standards and supervision
 - Ongoing education of officials
 - Clear management of conflicts of interest
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10. Face-to-Face Board Meeting (2026)

The President proposed holding an in-person Board meeting in early 2026 to support strategic planning and review key projects. Date options will be circulated for confirmation.
