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To: All Members

Dear President and General Secretary

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS, POLAND

Following my email to you of 24th February 2022, I am writing to you on behalf of EBSA Board and PBSA to provide a latest update on the planned European Championships that are scheduled to take place in Lublin from 1st – 14th April 2022. On advice and recommendation received from the Mayor of Lublin, the decision has been taken to **cancel the Championships**. The decision has not been taken lightly, but the safety and security of our players, referees, coaches and supporters is of paramount importance and it is something that cannot be guaranteed, following the invasion of Ukraine and the migration of some 1.5million refugees into Poland. It is on this basis that the Championships are cancelled. Both EBSA and PBSA understand the disappointment and inconvenience that this will cause. I would be grateful if you could notify your players, referees and supporters of this latest information.

In order to accommodate the U18s, U21s and Men's Championships, EBSA are proposing that these Championships are played along with **the Single Women & Seniors Championships in Albania in June**. The planned Coaching Seminar will also be moved to Albania. We expect to be able to confirm final dates and details within the coming days.

Both EBSA and PBSA are saddened by the cancellation of the Championships but would firmly re-iterate that the safety and security of players, referees, coaches and supporters must be our top priority in this situation.

For information, this letter has been shared widely with all EBSA contacts

Kind regards

Simon Smith
General Secretary

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