

BADMINTON EUROPE JUNIOR CIRCUIT 2016

Regulations

1. Description

- 1.1 *The Badminton Europe Confederation (BEC) Junior Circuit is a series of international tournaments open to all badminton players under 19 years of age throughout the calendar year 2016 who are eligible to play for BWF Member Associations.*
- 1.2 *The referee shall have the power to check the player's age at any time. This can be done on referee's own initiative or by request from a third party. Photo identification (e.g. passport) is considered as being valid documentation for age check. If the referee discovers that a player breaches the age limit defined in 1.1, such a player shall be penalised by disqualification, removal of ranking points and return of awarded prizes.*
- 1.3 *Players from European Member Associations earn points according to the classification of the tournaments in accordance with 4.1.*

2. Organisation and responsibility

- 2.1 *A BEC Junior Circuit tournament may be organised by a club or some other specific body, but the Member Association must have the ultimate authority and is liable under BADMINTON EUROPE Disciplinary Regulations to ensure that the tournament is run in a satisfactory manner and in accordance with these BEC Junior Circuit Regulations and BWF Regulations.*
- 2.2 *Any Member Association failing to comply with these BEC Junior Circuit Regulations may be penalised following the BADMINTON EUROPE'S Disciplinary Regulations. The possible penalties shall be: administrative fines, a fine of up to 5.000,00 EUR, withdrawal of sanction. Administrative fines shall be imposed by the Chairman of the BADMINTON EUROPE Circuit Commission.*
- 2.3 *It is required that every event in a particular BEC Junior Circuit tournament has at least 8 competitors (i.e. actual competitors, not merely entries). If the required number of competitors is not met, this particular event shall not count towards any ranking.*

In accordance with regulation 10.4 in Appendix 6 to BWF's General Competition Regulations, an event must contain at least one entry from a Member Association other than the hosting Association. If an event does not contain at least one entry from a Member Association other than the hosting Association, this particular event shall not count towards any ranking.

BADMINTON EUROPE is not liable for any costs incurred by third persons (players, coaches, umpires, team managers etc.) because of an event not having enough competitors to count for the rankings.

- 2.4 *The organising Member Association can cancel a tournament in case of force majeure or due to too few entries in at least one of the events. Such cancellation must be announced at least 15 days before the start of the tournament. If a cancellation is announced less than 15 days before the start of the tournament, then the Member*

Association organising the tournament is liable for any expenses incurred by third persons (players, coaches, umpires, team managers etc.). BADMINTON EUROPE is not liable for any costs incurred by third persons because of a cancellation of a tournament.

- 2.5 *The organising Member Association can decide to cancel its tournament. This must be done in writing to BADMINTON EUROPE no later than 6 months before the start of the tournament. Cancelling the tournament later than 6 months before the start, for another reason than the one listed in § 2.4 shall result in an administrative fine of 500,00 EUR.*
- 2.6 *Member Association and/or Organiser may be liable for claims originating from the damages incurred by the participants and/or any other persons, arising from or in connection to the particular BE Junior Circuit tournament, according to local Law. BADMINTON EUROPE is not liable for any such claims, actions, damages, costs or expenses of any nature whatsoever, including but not limited to injury or loss to person or property, arising out of or in any way related, directly or indirectly, to the particular BEC Junior Circuit tournament. It is recommended that Member Associations and/or Organisers purchase a proper Insurance Policy that would cover their potential legal liability.*

3. Participating tournaments

- 3.1 *Member Associations may apply to BADMINTON EUROPE to have a tournament approved for inclusion in the BEC Junior Circuit. All such tournaments must be sanctioned by BWF and must not clash with any other tournament in the BEC Junior Circuit.*
- 3.2 *A request for sanction must be made not later than 9 (nine) months before the tournament is due to begin. BADMINTON EUROPE reserves the right to approve a tournament when special circumstances exist, but not later than 9 (nine) months before the start of the tournament.*

The sanction forms can be found on the following address:

<http://badmintoneurope.com/cms/?&pageid=5605>

- 3.2.1 *The tournament cannot be played in fewer than 3 (three) days, and in no more than 5 (five) days, unless this is approved by the Chairman of the BADMINTON EUROPE Circuit Commission.*
- 3.3 *The organisers of the BEC Junior Circuit tournaments must include as much information as possible about their tournament in their sanction application. The information about the tournament must at least include details and the full name and address of the tournament hall and the exact playing days of the tournament.*
- 3.4 *No changes of the information in 3.3 can be accepted unless these changes are approved by the Chairman of the BADMINTON EUROPE Circuit Commission.*
- 3.5 *Member Associations shall be advised of each tournament which form part of the BEC Junior Circuit not later than 9 (nine) months before the respective tournament is due to begin.*
- 3.6 *Tournament Organisers shall have their own web site with information about the tournament, the entries, the draw and the results.*

The website must be online at least four months before the start of the tournament. Failing to do so shall result in an administrative fine of 250,00 EUR.

The website must display the entry lists and the draw immediately after receiving it from BADMINTON EUROPE.

The tournament website shall display the BADMINTON EUROPE logo.

- 3.7 *It is mandatory for tournaments organisers to use the Tournament Planner. Organisers must use the “BWF-license” belonging to its Member Association during the tournament. Failing to do so shall result in an administrative fine of 100,00 EUR.*

The results must, as a minimum, be updated after each round of each event.

4. Points system

- 4.1 *The points system to be used in the BEC Junior Circuit shall be as follows:*

For Tournament defined as

	<i>Junior International Grand Prix</i>	<i>Junior International Challenge</i>	<i>Junior International Series</i>
<i>Winner:</i>	<i>250 points</i>	<i>150 points</i>	<i>100 points</i>
<i>Losing finalist</i>	<i>200 points</i>	<i>120 points</i>	<i>80 points</i>
<i>Losing semi-finalist</i>	<i>150 points</i>	<i>90 points</i>	<i>60 points</i>
<i>Losing quarter-finalist</i>	<i>100 points</i>	<i>60 points</i>	<i>40 points</i>
<i>Losing round of sixteen</i>	<i>50 points</i>	<i>30 points</i>	<i>20 points</i>
<i>Losing round of 32</i>	<i>25 points</i>	<i>15 points</i>	<i>10 points</i>
<i>Losing round of 64</i>	<i>15 points</i>	<i>9 points</i>	<i>6 points</i>
<i>Losing round of 128</i>	<i>5 points</i>	<i>3 points</i>	<i>2 points</i>

The grading/upgrading of the tournaments are indicated in the BWF and Badminton Europe Junior Calendars, and made in accordance with BWF regulations.

- 4.2 *Byes and Walkovers:*
When players/pairs receive a bye in the first round and then lose in the second round, they will receive the points for having lost in the first round.
Where players withdraw without playing any part of at least one match, they receive no points.
- 4.3 *A walkover shall be considered to be a win.*

5. Ranking

- 5.1 *For each player, the 6 (six) BEC Junior Circuit tournaments, in which the most points are achieved, will count for the BEC Junior Circuit Ranking. If fewer tournaments are played, the total amount of points achieved in these tournaments will count.*
- 5.2 *If two or more players have gained the same number of points, the highest position in the ranking shall be awarded to the player who has competed in the most BEC Junior Circuit tournaments.*

5.3 *BADMINTON EUROPE shall maintain and publish the Current BEC Junior Circuit Ranking after each tournament.*

5.3.1 *The current Ranking can be seen at the BEC Circuit website*

<http://circuit.badminton europe.com>

6. Conditions for tournaments taking part in the BEC Junior Circuit

Each tournament must accept the following conditions to be part of the BEC Junior Circuit:

6.1 *All five events must be played:*

men's singles - women's singles - men's doubles - women's doubles and mixed doubles.

6.1.1 *If the tournament is played in 3 (three) days, the maximum amount of competitors (players/pairs) accepted in the tournament is 64 in the singles events, 32 in the men's and women's doubles events and 48 in the mixed doubles event. However the total number of matches per day shall not exceed the numbers stated in 6.1.4.*

6.1.2 *If the tournament is played in 4 (four) days, the maximum amount of competitors (players/pairs) accepted in the tournament is 96 in the singles events, 48 in the men's and women's doubles events and 64 in the mixed doubles event. However the total number of matches per day shall not exceed the numbers stated in 6.1.4.*

6.1.3 *If the tournament is played in 5 (five) days, the maximum amount of competitors (players/pairs) accepted in the tournament is 128 in the singles events, 64 in the men's and women's doubles events and 96 in the mixed doubles event. However the total number of matches per day shall not exceed the numbers stated in 6.1.4.*

6.1.4 *The maximum number of matches allowed per day on*
4 courts - 100 matches
5 courts – 125 matches
6 courts – 150 matches
7 courts – 175 matches
8 courts - 200 matches

6.1.5 *If the amount of entries exceeds the maximum amount as listed in § 6.1.1-6.1.3, a selection of entries will be made in the following order:*

- 1) Points on the BWF Junior Ranking.*
- 2) Foreign players without points on the BWF Junior Ranking, drawn by lots (no country can have two players/pairs without points participating before all entered countries have at least one player/pair without points participating).*
- 3) Home nation players in order of strength as listed by their Member Association.*

The selection of entries shall be done by BADMINTON EUROPE.

6.2 *The provisional schedule with times shall be published in the invitation (e.g. Friday from 9:00 AM, finals – Sunday from 12:00 AM), but the provisional times can change*

subject to the number of entries and subject to the approval of the referee and the Chairman of the BADMINTON EUROPE Circuit Commission.

- 6.3 *The final frame schedule (with the exact planned conclusion of all matches) shall be made at least 20 days before the start of the tournament and shall be published on the organiser's website. Failing to do so shall result in an administrative fine of 200,00 EUR. Such a final frame schedule cannot change unless special circumstances arise and the referee and the Chairman of the BADMINTON EUROPE Circuit Commission approve such a change.*
- 6.4 *Tournament organisers shall fulfil Appendix 2 of the Competition Regulations of BWF – "Specifications for international standard facilities".*

7. Venue

- 7.1 *All matches in a BEC Junior Circuit tournament must be played at the same venue.*
- 7.2 *All matches in a BEC Junior Circuit tournament must be played on mats or floors marked solely for badminton and have separate nets for each court.*
- 7.3 *No other tournament is allowed to be played at the same time on the courts for the U19 tournament unless it is approved by the Chairman of the BADMINTON EUROPE Circuit Commission.*
- 7.4 *Organisers shall propose at least one official hotel and one official point of arrival (preferably a recognised international airport) for the tournament. The names of the official point of arrival and the official hotel shall be published in the invitation.*
- 7.5 *Transport shall be provided from the official point of arrival to the official hotel and from the official hotel to the venue (unless the distance between the hotel and the venue does not exceed 1 km). Organisers shall determine the frequency of such transport and such frequency shall be published, but the players shall not be required to wait more than one hour for the transport to the venue and not more than three hours for the transport from the point of arrival.*
- 7.6 *The organiser is allowed to charge the players for the transport from the point of arrival to the hotels, but only if the amount of money to be paid for such transport is published in the invitation.*

8. Shuttles

- 8.1 *The brand of shuttles to be used must be of good quality and be approved by BWF.*
- 8.2 *The shuttles must be provided by the staging organisation free of charge. The same brand and quality of shuttles must be used throughout the tournament. Failing to do so shall result in an administrative fine of 250,00 EUR.*

9. Umpires and line judges

- 9.1 *Umpires must be provided for all matches. Failing to do so shall result in an administrative fine of 500,00 EUR.*
- 9.2 *Umpires are required to wear black uniforms at all BEC Junior Circuit tournaments – preferably Badminton Europe uniforms.*

9.3 *Service judges must be provided for semi finals and finals. Failing to do so shall result in an administrative fine of 500,00 EUR.*

9.4 *Line judges must be provided for semi finals and finals. Failing to do so shall result in an administrative fine of 250,00 EUR.*

Line judges must be minimum 14 years old. Failing to fulfil the age criteria shall result in an administrative fine of 250,00 EUR.

10. Referees

10.1 *The organiser may make a recommendation for a BADMINTON EUROPE Referee.*

BADMINTON EUROPE will inform the organiser if the proposed Referee is accepted.

It is the duty of an organiser to contact the Referee and to agree with him/her all necessary details concerning the tournament.

The organiser is responsible to cover the expenses for the Referee for
- full board, lodging and cost of travel.

10.2 *If BADMINTON EUROPE doesn't agree with the proposed Referee and appoints another Referee then the organiser is responsible to cover the expenses for the Referee for*

- full board and lodging and
- either the costs of travel or 250,00 EUR if that is the lower figure.

10.3 *The Referee is required to send a written report to BADMINTON EUROPE less than two weeks after completion of the tournament. The official referee report can be downloaded on <http://badmintoneurope.com/cms/?&pageid=5938>*

10.4 *It is recommended that all BEC Junior Circuit tournaments shall have a Referee who does not belong to the Member Association who organises the tournament (foreign referee).*

10.5 *The Referee must wear the official BADMINTON EUROPE or BWF uniform.*

11. Entries

11.1 *Entries must be made by a Member Association of which the player/pair is a member. If a Member Association enters players for a BEC Junior Circuit tournament these entries shall be made in order of strength in each event.*

11.2 *After entering a player(s) in the tournaments it is the Member Nation's responsibility to secure visas for their players - if this is needed. Member Associations must make sure that visa applications are made early enough.*

11.3 *Tournament organisers have to do everything possible to enable the entered players to get a visa.*

11.4 *All entries must be made by using the BWF Online Entry System.*

11.5 *After an entry has been submitted online, the BWF Online Entry System will send an Entry Confirmation to the entering Member Association confirming the receipt of the entry/entries. This confirmation is the conclusive evidence of receipt of entries.*

11.5.1 The Member Associations shall contact Badminton Europe immediately if such confirmation is not received after the entry has been submitted online. Any objection to the entries should be notified to Badminton Europe.

11.5.2 Following the close of entries if no objection is received by Badminton Europe by Thursday 23.59 hours BWF Headquarters time the entries shall be deemed to be correct. No complaints / objections shall be entertained thereafter.

11.6 The closing time for entries is Tuesday, four weeks before the tournament is due to start, at 23.59 BWF Headquarters time.

11.7 No late entries will be accepted.

12. Entry fees

12.1 The Member Association that enters a player/pair into a BEC Junior Circuit tournament is responsible for paying the entry fees for that player/pair. The entry fees become due if a player is entered and has not been withdrawn when the entry deadline passes. It is recommended that the entry fees are paid by bank transfer, but the organisers can accept cash payments at tournaments.

13. Clothing

13.1 Colour, design, lettering and advertising on clothing shall be regulated by BWF General Competition Regulations 19 to 23. A player violating these regulations shall be penalised by an administrative fine of 50,00 EUR.

13.2 For all BEC Junior Circuit tournaments the name on the back of the shirts is however optional.

13.3 It is mandatory for the semi-finals and finals that partners in doubles wear the same colour of the T-shirt and shorts/skirts. Failing to do so shall result in an administrative fine of 50,00 EUR.

14. Seeding

14.1 Seeding shall be done by BADMINTON EUROPE, according to the BWF Junior Ranking.

15. The draw

15.1 The draw shall be done in accordance with BWF Regulations (see BWF Competition Regulation 12).

15.2 BADMINTON EUROPE will make the draw on Tuesday, the 2 (two) weeks before the tournament is due to begin.

15.3 There shall be no qualification in BEC Junior Circuit tournaments.

16. Alterations to the draw and substitutions

16.1 Any alterations to the draw or substitutions at a BEC Junior Circuit tournament shall be done in accordance with BWF Competition Regulations 5.9 and 14-15.

17. Badminton Europe representative

17.1 BADMINTON EUROPE shall have the right to send a representative to BEC Junior Circuit tournaments. The representative shall have the power to ensure that the rules and regulations of BADMINTON EUROPE and the BWF are adhered to.

18. On-court doctor

18.1 A doctor or at least a person from First Aid must be present during the whole tournament. Failing to do so shall result in an administrative fine of 250,00 EUR.

19. Results of the tournament

19.1 The Tournament Planner (TP) file with the final results of all events must be sent by e-mail to BADMINTON EUROPE immediately after the event.

The tp-file must be sent to –
zsofia.horvath@badmintoneurope.com

20. Badminton Europe equipment

20.1 The BADMINTON EUROPE flag, A-boards and the Circuit banner must be prominently displayed in the hall. Organisers of the tournament are responsible for the safekeeping of the equipment.

21. Sanction fee

21.1 The sanction fee for inclusion in the BEC Junior Circuit is 500,00 EUR and is payable immediately after acceptance of the tournament into the BEC Junior Circuit.

22. Invitation and entry form

22.1 Tournament invitations/entry forms must be approved by the BADMINTON EUROPE office, before being published and sent to all BADMINTON EUROPE Member Associations, at least 100 days before the tournament. Failing to send tournament invitation/entry form to BADMINTON EUROPE for approval at least 100 days before the first day of the tournament shall result in an administrative fine of 250,00 EUR.,
Tournament invitations/entry forms must include the following information:

1. Name of the tournament, including reference to the tournament classification and the BADMINTON EUROPE logo
2. Name of tournament organiser, telephone and e-mail address.
3. Name of referee, and e-mail address of the referee.
4. Key dates of the tournament.
 - Entry deadline (as in §11.6)
 - Date for the draw (as in §15.2)

5. Venue: full name and address of the tournament venue.
6. Number of entries accepted in the tournament and regulation 2.3 about the minimum amount of entries.
7. Brand of shuttlecock to be used.
8. Number of courts to be used.
9. Clothing and advertising regulations (see § 13).
10. Reference to BWF Online Entry System being mandatory for submitting entries.
11. Entry fees and § 12.1 about payment of the entry fees.
12. Advice to Member Associations about getting visas in time.
13. Address of web site.
14. Full name and address as well as costs of the accommodation (official hotel) and the name of the official point of arrival (see § 7.4).
15. Prices for transport between official point of arrival and hotels (when applicable)
16. The provisional schedule (see § 6.2)
17. Any other information deemed necessary by the organisers.

In addition to the official invitation sent out by National Associations, BADMINTON EUROPE will display on its Circuit web site <http://circuit.badmintoneurope.com> all necessary information about the 2016 BEC Junior Circuit Tournaments including closing dates for entries.

23. Interpretation

- 23.1 *The BADMINTON EUROPE Board interprets any dubious regulations included in this document. If a quick decision is needed, the Chairman of the BADMINTON EUROPE Circuit Commission may make an interpretation which is valid until the decision by the BADMINTON EUROPE Board of Directors is taken.*

24. Validity

- 24.1 *These BEC Junior Circuit Regulations and any future amendments take effect on the day following the day of the adoption.*

ADOPTED by the Badminton Europe Board of Directors on 3 December 2015

Valid from 1 January 2016