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European U17 Ranking

With the introduction of the new age groups from January 2016, Badminton Europe would like to create a European U17 ranking system similar to how the European Junior Ranking successfully was developed and was working for years.

The main reason for the introduction is to increase the focus on the U17 age group internationally, and to unite many of the international U17 tournaments in Europe, already being played, into a Circuit.

In connection with the introduction of a U17 Circuit, and a wish of striving towards making the seeding for these, as well as the individual seeding for the European U17 Championships (not in 2016) based on a ranking list, Badminton Europe has been working towards developing a ranking system for the European U17 players, with the goal of testing and launching during 2016.

It is important that the European U17 ranking has the aim of listing the players, as close as possible, in their “real” order of strength. Therefore it was decided to take many different levels of tournaments into consideration, when creating the European U17 ranking list.

Grading and amount of points

In the 2016-season the U17 Circuit tournaments will not be divided into different levels, which means that every U17 Circuit tournament will be counting for the same amount of ranking points. It has been decided that the U17 Circuit tournaments shall count for the same amount of points as the Junior Circuit Level C-tournaments (named “Junior International Series” by BWF) as these are not necessarily weaker than the U19-C tournaments in Europe.

	U19-A*	U19-B*	U19-C*	U17
Winner	2000	1250	850	850
Runner up	1700	1065	710	710
3/4	1400	875	585	585
5/8	1100	685	380	380
9/16	760	380	260	260
17/32	380	240	150	150
33/64	180	105	65	65
65/128	85	50	30	30

* U19-A = Junior Int. Grand Prix, U19-B = Junior Int. Challenge, U19-C = Junior Int. Series

Draft/test ranking list

In connection with test calculations, the results of three of the (considered as) strongest European U17 tournaments in 2015 (Langenfeld Cup U17, Swiss Youth U17 and Danish Junior U17) were taken into consideration together with the results of the 2014 European U15 Championships (*current U17-players*), the 2014 European U17 Championships, the 2015 European Junior Championships and the 2015 World Junior Championships. Based on these tournament results, the “best” U17-players were identified for setting up a list for testing purposes.

The results of the players referred to above, together with all their respective Junior Circuit (listed as U19-A, U19-B and U19-C), and European Level 4 tournaments (IC, IS and FS played in Europe) results were inserted in the calculation. The achieved results of these players were converted into points based on the amounts listed in the table below.

	WJC	EJC	EU17C	EU15C	IC	IS	FS	U19-A	U19-B	U19-C	U17
Winner	3500	2500	2000	1500	4000	2500	1700	2000	1250	850	850
Runner up	2975	2125	1700	1285	3400	2130	1420	1700	1065	710	710
3/4	2450	1750	1400	1055	2800	1750	1170	1400	875	585	585
5/8	1925	1375	1100	830	2200	1370	920	1100	685	380	380
9/16	1360	960	760	575	1520	920	600	760	380	260	260
17/32	835	585	460	350	920	550	350	380	240	150	150
33/64	330	230	180	135	380			180	105	65	65
65/128	160	110	85	65				85	50	30	30

It has been decided to make a ranking compiled from a maximum of 7 tournament results – and the tournaments to be included in the European U17 Ranking are the followings:

- European U17 Circuit tournaments (all 7 results can come from here)
- European Junior Circuit A/B tournaments (maximum 2 tournaments)
- European Junior Circuit C tournaments (maximum 2 tournaments)
- European Level 4 tournaments (maximum 2 tournaments)
- European U15 Championships (shall count for 3 years. Best result counting if playing twice)
- European U17 Championships (shall count until next edition is played)
- European Junior Championships (shall count until next edition is played)
- World Junior Championships (shall count until next edition is played)



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Additional considerations

The European U17 Ranking will be for individual players and not for whole double pairs. This is similar to how the European Junior Ranking was made, and similar to the BWF World Junior Ranking. It has also been decided that team events shall not be counting for the European U17 Ranking.

Test period

2016 will be used as a test period for the European U17 Ranking, with the ranking being developed into Tournament Software in due time. The ranking will, in 2016, be for players born 2000 or later. The European U17 Ranking shall be evaluated during and after the season for future full implementation and for its accurate use.

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