

BADMINTON EUROPE U17 CIRCUIT 2017

Regulations

1. Description

- 1.1 *The Badminton Europe Confederation (BEC) U17 Circuit is a series of international tournaments open to all badminton players under 17 years of age throughout the calendar year 2017 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 U17 Circuit tournament may be organised by a group of individuals, a club or some other specific body (private or corporate), 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 U17 Circuit Regulations and BWF Regulations.*
- 2.2 *Any Member Association failing to comply with these BEC U17 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 Circuits Commission.*
- 2.3 *It is required that every event in a particular BEC U17 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 90 days before the start of the tournament.*
- 2.5.1 *Cancelling the tournament later than 90 days before the start, for another reason than the one listed in § 2.4 shall result in an administrative fine of 500,00 EUR.*
- 2.5.2 *Cancellation of a tournament will not result in any reduction of the sanction fee.*
- 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 BEC U17 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 U17 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 **BADMINTON EUROPE* has no limitation on the number of BEC U17 Circuit tournaments. However, *BADMINTON EUROPE* will not approve more than 2 (two) tournaments per Member Association played within 52 weeks.*
- 3.2 *Member Associations may apply to *BADMINTON EUROPE* to have a tournament approved for inclusion in the BEC U17 Circuit. All such tournaments must be sanctioned by BEC.*
- 3.3 *A request for sanction must be made not later than 6 (six) 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 4 (four) months before the start of the tournament.*

The sanction form can be downloaded from the following website:

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

- 3.3.1 *The tournament cannot be played in fewer than 2 (two) days, and in no more than 5 (five) days, unless this is approved by the Chairman of the *BADMINTON EUROPE* Circuit Commission.*
- 3.4 *The organisers of the BEC U17 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.*
- 3.5 *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.*

- 3.6 *Tournament Organisers shall have their own website with information about the tournament, the entries, the draw and the results.*

The website must be online at least 3 (three) months before the start of the tournament. Failing to do so shall result in an administrative fine of 100,00 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.*

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 U17 Circuit shall be as follows:*

For Tournament defined as

<i>Winner:</i>	<i>250 points</i>
<i>Losing finalist</i>	<i>200 points</i>
<i>Losing semi-finalist</i>	<i>150 points</i>
<i>Losing quarter-finalist</i>	<i>100 points</i>
<i>Losing round of sixteen</i>	<i>50 points</i>
<i>Losing round of 32</i>	<i>25 points</i>
<i>Losing round of 64</i>	<i>15 points</i>
<i>Losing round of 128</i>	<i>5 points</i>

- 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 as a win.*

5. Ranking

- 5.1 *For each player, the 6 (six) BEC U17 Circuit tournaments, in which the most points are achieved, will count for the BEC U17 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 U17 Circuit tournaments.*

- 5.3 *BADMINTON EUROPE shall maintain and publish the current BEC U17 Circuit Ranking after each tournament.*

5.3.1 The current Ranking can be seen at the BEC Circuit website
<http://circuit.badmintoneurope.com/>

6. **Conditions for tournaments taking part in the BEC U17 Circuit**

Each tournament must accept the following conditions to be part of the BEC U17 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 2 (two) days, the maximum amount of competitors (players/pairs) accepted in the tournament is 32 in the singles events, 24 in the men's and women's doubles events and 32 in the mixed doubles event. However, the total number of matches per day shall not exceed the numbers stated in 6.1.5.*

6.1.2 *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 6.1.5.*

6.1.3 *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 6.1.5.*

6.1.4 *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 6.1.5.*

6.1.5 *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

A maximum of 3 (three) rounds per event, per day are allowed to be played in the tournament.

6.1.6 *If the amount of entries exceeds the maximum amount as listed in § 6.1.1-6.1.4, a selection of entries will be made in the following order:*

- 1) Points on the European U17 Ranking.*
- 2) Foreign players without points on the European U17 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.*

**Non-European players are taken into consideration based on their BWF World Junior Ranking, comparing these to the Europeans that are ranked based on the European U17 Ranking as listed above.*

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. 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”. The height of the hall can however be lower, in accordance with 7.2.*
- 6.5 *Players shall fulfil Appendix 4 of the General Competition Regulations of BWF – “Players’ Code of Conduct”.*
- 6.6 *Coaches and officials shall fulfil Appendix 9 of the General Competition Regulations of BWF – “Code of Conduct for Coaches, Team and Technical Officials”.*

7. Venue

- 7.1 *All matches in a BEC U17 Circuit tournament must be played at the same venue.*
- 7.2 *The minimum height for a BEC U17 Circuit tournament is 7 meters. This height shall be entirely free of girders and other obstructions over the area of the court.*
- 7.3 *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.*
- 7.4 *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.*
- 7.5 *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 shuttles to be used must be of good quality and be of a brand recognized 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 100,00EUR.*

9. ***Umpires***

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

9.2 *Umpires are required to wear black uniforms at all BEC U17 Circuit tournaments.*

10. ***Referees***

10.1 *The organiser may make a recommendation for a 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 *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>*

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 U17 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 *No player/pair shall enter or be entered in a BEC U17 Circuit tournament and another BWF/BEC sanctioned tournament in the same week.*

11.6 *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.*

11.6.1 *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.*

11.6.2 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.

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

11.8 No late entries will be accepted.

12. Entry fees

12.1 The Member Association that enters a player/pair into a BEC U17 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.

13.2 For all BEC U17 Circuit tournaments the name on the back of the shirt is optional.

14. Seeding

14.1 Seeding shall be done by BADMINTON EUROPE, according to the European U17 Ranking.

Non-European players are taken into consideration based on their BWF Junior World Ranking, comparing these to the Europeans that are ranked based on the European U17 Ranking as listed above.

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, 2 (two) weeks before the tournament is due to begin.

15.3 There shall be no qualification in BEC U17 Circuit tournaments.

16. Alterations to the draw and substitutions

16.1 Any alterations to the draw or substitutions at a BEC U17 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 U17 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.*

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 and pavel.florian@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 U17 Circuit is 250,00 EUR and is payable immediately after acceptance of the tournament into the BEC U17 Circuit.*

22. **Invitation**

22.1 *Tournament invitations must be approved by the BADMINTON EUROPE office, before being published and sent to all BADMINTON EUROPE Member Associations, at least 3(three) months before the tournament. Failing to send tournament invitation to BADMINTON EUROPE for approval at least 3(three) months before the first day of the tournament shall result in an administrative fine of 50,00 EUR.,*

Tournament invitations must include the following information:

1. *Name of the tournament 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 §11.7)*
 - *Date for the draw (as in §15.2)*
 - *Date for the team managers meeting*
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. *The format of the draw.*
8. *Brand of shuttlecock to be used.*

9. *Number of courts to be used*
10. *Reference and link to BWF Online Entry System being mandatory for submitting entries.*
11. *Entry fees and § 12.1 about payment of the entry fees.*
12. *Visa support letter request process and any special information.*
13. *Address of web site.*
14. *Full name and address as well as costs of the accommodation (official hotel), payment procedure and the name of the official point of arrival (see § 7.3).*
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 2017 BEC U17 Circuit Tournaments including closing dates for entries.

23. Interpretation

- 23.1 *The BADMINTON EUROPE Board of Directors interprets any dubious regulations included in this document. If a quick decision is needed, the Chairman of the BADMINTON EUROPE Circuits 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 U17 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 31 December 2016

Valid from 1 January 2017