

# **EUROPEAN MIXED TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS**

## **APPENDIX II**



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## **REGULATIONS FOR THE EUROPEAN MIXED TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS**

### **1. DEFINITION**

1.1 The European Mixed Team Championships consists of two stages – a qualification stage and a final stage. All Member Associations of Badminton Europe shall be entitled to take part.

1.2 The qualification stage shall be played in even years and the final stage shall be played in uneven years.

1.3 The final stage shall always consist of 12 teams.

1.4 The first ranked team shall be entitled to call itself winner of the European Mixed Team Championships. All nominated players of the winning team shall be presented with gold medals, all nominated players of the second ranked team with silver medals and all nominated players of the teams losing the semi-finals will be presented with bronze medals. All such medals shall be suitably inscribed.

1.5 The European Mixed Team Champion shall be awarded a trophy which they can keep in possession.

### **2. PRELIMINARY ARRANGEMENTS**

2.1 Any Member Association may apply to stage the final stage of the European Mixed Team Championships and such application shall be sent to Badminton Europe.

2.2 The allocation of the final stage shall be made by Council at a date of its choosing.

2.3 The allocation of the qualification stage will be offered in turn to the teams in the group according to their ranking positions.

2.4 The venue shall provide sufficient conditions according to the Specifications for International Play.

### **3. RIGHTS**

3.1 Badminton Europe owns all rights and commercial activities, including but not limited to internet, television, radio, sound, moving pictures, players' images and logos, in connection with the event. In determining the financial arrangements at each venue with the organising Member Association, Badminton Europe may grant licences and concessions in respect of such rights, including the direct grant of all or part of such rights to the organising Member Association and/or commercial organisations.

3.2 For the qualification stage the hosting condition will be set out in the invitation for the event. Normally domestic TV-rights, a majority of the commercial rights and ticket rights will be licensed to the organisers.

3.3 For the final stage the fixed conditions will be set out in the bidding papers and variable conditions will be agreed between Badminton Europe and the host in a hosting agreement.

### **4. RESPONSIBILITIES & FINANCE**

4.1 Council shall allocate responsibility for hosting the final stage on organisational, financial and commercial terms and conditions it agrees with the hosting Member Association.

4.2 A sanction fee shall be charged by Badminton Europe (see Financial Regulation D).

4.3 Every Member Association taking part in the European Mixed Team Championships shall be responsible for all expenses incurred by its players and officials including travel, hotel accommodation and other expenses.

4.4 An entry fee shall be paid for each team. Entry fees are listed in Financial Regulation D.

4.5 The Association organising the final stage is exempted from paying an entry fee for their participating team.

4.6 If a Member Association withdraws from the Championships after the entry deadline, for any reason whatsoever, such a Member Association shall be liable of paying its entry fee and will be penalised by an administrative fine of 1.500,00 EUR.

4.7 If a team arrives late or departs early, for any reason whatsoever, and such action conflicts with the team's ability to play or complete their scheduled matches, the team's Member Association shall be penalised by an administrative fine of 1.500,00 EUR.

4.8 If a medal winning team is not present at the medal ceremony, for any reason whatsoever, the team's Member Association shall be penalised by an administrative fine of 1.500,00 EUR.

## **5. GENERAL ORGANISATION**

5.1 Badminton Europe shall be responsible for the organisation of the European Mixed Team Championships.

5.2 The Championships shall be conducted in accordance with the Laws of badminton and all appropriate Competition Regulations as adopted by the BWF and/or Badminton Europe.

5.3 The Referees for the final stage and the qualification stage and Deputy Referee(s) for the final stage shall be appointed by Badminton Europe.

5.4 Umpires for the final stage shall be appointed by Badminton Europe. The association organising the final stage shall be offered the opportunity to apply to provide a number of suitably qualified umpires up to a maximum of one third of the number required for the event.

5.5 Each Member Association playing in the qualification stage must provide one international qualified umpire to the event.

5.5.1 Member Associations not being able to fulfil the requirements listed in 5.5 shall make a payment of 500,00 EUR to Badminton Europe, who will then appoint an umpire.

5.6 Badminton Europe shall appoint a Committee of Management of at least four persons, of whom two shall be from Badminton Europe, and one shall be nominated by the organiser. In addition, the Referee shall be member of this Committee. The Committee of Management shall be in overall charge of the Championships.

## **6. FILING OF ENTRIES**

6.1 Not later than four months before the date of the qualification stage, Badminton Europe shall send to all Member Associations an invitation to compete.

6.2 Entries may be submitted only by Member Associations and shall be sent so as to reach the address quoted in the letter of invitation not later than the closing date notified in the invitation.

6.3 The Council shall have power to reject the entry of any Member Association:

6.3.1 which contains a condition unresolved at the time entries close;

6.3.2 whose entry is considered against the interest of the Championships or the game; or

6.3.3 in cases specified in Badminton Europe Rules (e.g. Rule I.3 and I.8).

6.4 Not later than 14 days after the closing date for entries, Badminton Europe shall announce a complete ranking list of the teams entered and announce the directly qualified teams for the final stage of the European Mixed Team Championships in accordance with Table 1.

Entries	Directly in Finals	Teams in Qualification	No. of Qual-groups
12	10 + Host + Holder	-	-
13	9 + Host + Holder	2	1
14	9 + Host + Holder	3	1
15	9 + Host + Holder	4	1
16	8 + Host + Holder	6	2
17	8 + Host + Holder	7	2
18	8 + Host + Holder	8	2
19	7 + Host + Holder	10	3
20	7 + Host + Holder	11	3
21	7 + Host + Holder	12	3
22	6 + Host + Holder	14	4
23	6 + Host + Holder	15	4
24	6 + Host + Holder	16	4
25	5 + Host + Holder	18	5
26	5 + Host + Holder	19	5
27	5 + Host + Holder	20	5
28	4 + Host + Holder	22	6
29	4 + Host + Holder	23	6
30	4 + Host + Holder	24	6
31	3 + Host + Holder	26	7
32	3 + Host + Holder	27	7
33	3 + Host + Holder	28	7
34	2 + Host + Holder	30	8
35	2 + Host + Holder	31	8
36	2 + Host + Holder	32	8
37	1 + Host + Holder	34	9
38	1 + Host + Holder	35	9
39	1 + Host + Holder	36	9

Table 1

6.5 For each team a sum of World Ranking points will be calculated, only taking into account players eligible for international representation of the country, as shown in Table 2.

Player	Calculation	Note
First ranked men's singles player	WR points	WR: World Ranking
First ranked women's singles player	WR points	
First ranked men's doubles player	WR/NR points divided by two	NR: Notional ranking
Second ranked men's doubles player	WR/NR points divided by two	
First ranked women's doubles player	WR/NR points divided by two	
Second ranked women's doubles player	WR/NR points divided by two	
First ranked mixed doubles male player	WR/NR points divided by two	
First ranked mixed doubles female player	WR/NR points divided by two	

Table 2

6.6 For the doubles players notional ranking will be used.

## 7. METHOD OF COMPETITION – QUALIFICATION STAGE

7.1 The qualification stage of the European Mixed Team Championships shall be in a group stage in accordance with the regulations 7.2 to 7.9

## 7.2 Groups

7.3 The highest ranked teams not directly qualified will be placed in the, in accordance with Table 1, established qualification groups and given first option to host the particular Qualification Group.

7.3.1 The highest ranked team not directly qualified for the final stage will be put in Qualification Group 1 and is given first option to host this Qualification Group.

7.3.2 If applicable the second highest ranked team not directly qualified for the final stage will be put in Qualification Group 2 and is given first option to host this Qualification Group.

7.3.3 If applicable the third highest ranked team not directly qualified for the final stage will be put in Qualification Group 3 and is given first option to host this Qualification Group.

7.3.4 If applicable the fourth highest ranked team not directly qualified for the final stage will be put in Qualification Group 4 and is given first option to host this Qualification Group.

7.3.5 If applicable the fifth highest ranked team not directly qualified for the final stage will be put in Qualification Group 5 and is given first option to host this Qualification Group.

7.3.6 If applicable the sixth highest ranked team not directly qualified for the final stage will be put in Qualification Group 6 and is given first option to host this Qualification Group.

7.3.7 If applicable the seventh highest ranked team not directly qualified for the final stage will be put in Qualification Group 7 and is given first option to host this Qualification Group.

7.3.8 If applicable the eighth highest ranked team not directly qualified for the final stage will be put in Qualification Group 8 and is given first option to host this Qualification Group.

7.3.9 If applicable the ninth highest ranked team not directly qualified for the final stage will be put in Qualification Group 9 and is given first option to host this Qualification Group.

7.4 The remaining teams are drawn into the established groups in random order.

7.5 If the highest ranked team declines the offer of hosting its Qualification Group, the offer goes to the second highest ranked team in the group.

7.6 If the second highest ranked team declines the offer of hosting its Qualification Group, the offer goes to the third highest ranked team in the group.

7.7 If the third highest ranked team declines the offer of hosting its Qualification Group, the offer goes to the fourth highest ranked team in the group.

7.8 If the fourth highest ranked team declines the offer of hosting its Qualification Group, the highest ranked team in the group must host the Qualification Group.

7.9 In a Qualification Group each team play all other teams in the same group. An overall ranking order in the group shall be achieved.

7.10 Ranking order in the groups;

7.10.1 If two teams have won the same number of ties, the ranking will be decided by the result of the tie between them.

7.10.2 If three or more teams have won the same number of ties, ranking will be decided by the total number of matches won. If this leaves two teams equal, ranking will be decided by the result of the tie between them.

7.10.3 If three or more teams have won the same number of ties and the same number of matches, ranking will be decided by the difference between total games won and total games lost, with greater difference ranked higher. If this leaves two teams equal, ranking will be decided by the result of the tie between them.

7.10.4 If three or more teams have won the same number of ties and the same number of matches and have the same difference between total games won and total games lost, ranking will be decided by the difference between total points won and total points lost, with greater difference ranked higher. If this leaves two teams equal, ranking will be decided by the result of the tie between them.

7.10.5 If three or more teams have won the same number of ties and the same number of matches, have the same difference between total games won and total games lost, and have the same difference between total points won and total points lost, ranking will be decided by drawing lots.

7.11 A conceded match shall count as if completed without the conceding side scoring another point.

7.12 All results of any team that has been disqualified or withdraws shall be entirely deleted.

## **8. SEEDING**

### **8.1 Seeding at the final stage**

8.2 The strongest teams shall be seeded in order and one seeded team be placed in each of the four groups.

8.3 The seeding will be done based on the ranking list described in 6.4.

8.4 The team with the most points will be top seeded and placed in group 1; the team with second most points will be second seeded and placed in group 2; the team with the third most points will be seeded third and placed in group 3; the team with the fourth most points will be seeded fourth and placed in group 4.

8.5 The eight remaining teams will be drawn into the four groups on random basis.

## **9. METHOD OF COMPETITION – FINAL STAGE**

9.1 The final stage of the European Mixed Team Championship shall be played in a group stage and a knock-out stage in accordance with the regulations 9.3 to 9.9.

### **9.2 Group stage**

9.3 In the group stage the 12 teams shall play in groups of three, where teams play all other teams in the same group. An overall ranking order in the group shall be achieved.

9.4 The top 2 ranked teams of each group shall progress to the knock-out stage.

9.5 Ranking order in the groups;

9.5.1 If the three teams have won the same number of ties, ranking will be decided by the total number of matches won. If this leaves two teams equal, ranking will be decided by the result of the tie between them.

9.5.2 If the three teams have won the same number of ties and the same number of matches, ranking will be decided by the difference between total games won and total games lost, with greater difference ranked higher. If this leaves two teams equal, ranking will be decided by the result of the tie between them.

9.5.3 If the three teams have won the same number of ties and the same number of matches and have the same difference between total games won and total games lost, ranking will be decided by the difference between total points won and total points lost, with greater difference ranked higher. If this leaves two teams equal, ranking will be decided by the result of the tie between them.

9.5.4 If the three teams have won the same number of ties and the same number of matches, have the same difference between total games won and total games lost, and have the same difference between total points won and total points lost, ranking will be decided by drawing lots.

9.6 A conceded match shall count as if completed without the conceding side scoring another point.

9.7 All results of any team that has been disqualified or withdraws shall be entirely deleted.

### **9.8 Knock-out stage**

9.8.1 The draw for the knock-out stage shall be conducted at a Team Managers' Meeting held immediately after the conclusion of the group stage.

9.8.2 The knock-out stage shall be a knock-out draw with winning teams progressing to the next round until a winner is found.

### **9.9 Knock-out stage draw procedure**

9.9.1 The winner of group 1 will be placed as first seed in the knock-out draw.

9.9.2 The winner of group 2 will be placed as second seed in the knock-out draw.

9.9.3 The winners of group 3 and 4 will be drawn as semi-final seeds in the knock-out draw.

9.9.4 The four teams finishing second in the groups will be drawn into the knock-out draw on random basis.

9.9.5 The two teams progressing from the same group cannot be drawn in the same half of the knock-out draw.

## **10. RESPONSIBILITY OF REFEREE**

10.1 The responsibilities of the Referee in the Championships are:

10.1.1 to be in charge of the Championships;

10.1.2 to ensure that the stipulated procedure and order of play is adhered to and that all teams and players comply with the Regulations for play;

10.1.3 to make decision on any matter upon appeal being made by a Team Manager;

10.1.4 to uphold the laws of badminton and regulations relevant for the Championships:

10.2 the Referee is required to send a written report to Badminton Europe no later than two weeks after the completion of the event.

## **11. ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS**

11.1 Players shall be eligible to represent a Member Association in accordance with BWF Competition Regulation 8.2.

## **12. TEAM MANAGER**

12.1 Each Member Association concerned shall, at least fourteen days before any fixture, appoint a manager of its team.

12.2 In default of such appointment, a team shall forthwith choose its own manager.

12.3 As soon as appointed, the name of the manager shall be notified to the Referee.

12.4 From the time of arrival at the venue, the manager shall assume all administrative and other responsibilities on behalf of the Member Association and team concerned in connection with the conduct of the Championships.

12.5 The Team Manager shall attend any briefing meeting called by the Referee. Failing to do so shall result in an administrative fine of 250,00 EUR.

## **13. NOMINATION OF TEAMS**

13.1 Each competing Member Association shall, at least 14 days before the date fixed for the commencement of play for both the qualification stage and the final stage, nominate to Badminton Europe the players from whom its team will be selected.

Member Associations must guarantee that all teams and all players entered satisfy the conditions set in these Regulations. Failing to do so shall result in an administrative fine of 1.000,00 EUR for every player or team that does not satisfy the conditions set in these Regulations.

13.2 Each competing Member Association shall nominate not fewer than four players and not more than twenty players, from whom its team will be selected for a tie. There shall be a minimum of two male and two female players and a maximum of ten male and ten female players amongst the nominated players.

13.3 Teams shall be required to play ties comprising:

one men's singles;  
one women's singles;  
one men's doubles;  
one women's doubles;  
one mixed doubles.

13.4 Each manager shall hand to the Referee the composition of his team for each tie, where the players are from those previously nominated.

13.4.1 Team compositions must be submitted no later than three hours prior to the start of a tie, or for the first ties of the day at 22.00hrs the evening before.

13.4.2 Failure to submit a team composition in accordance with 13.4.1 shall result in an administrative fine of 250,00 EUR.

13.5 The Referee may, upon the request of the team's Team Manager, allow a substitute for a player (pair) who, in the opinion of the Referee, is incapacitated by illness, accident or other unavoidable hindrance, provided that the team that plays after the substitution conforms to the initially nominated

ranking order for singles. The substituted player (pair) may take no further part in that tie. The substitution may only be made before a particular match has started but it can be made during a tie.

#### **14. CONSTITUTION OF MATCHES AND TEAMS**

14.1 Each tie shall be decided by the results of the two singles and three doubles matches.

14.1.1 In the group stage all five matches of each tie shall be played.

14.1.2 In the knock-out stage each tie shall be stopped when the tie is decided.

14.2 No player shall play in more than two matches.

14.3 If, as a result of injury or illness sustained after arrival at the venue, a team has only one male or one female player, that player may play his/her respective matches.

14.4 If, for the above reasons, the team is reduced to two players only, either both of the same sex, or one of each sex, the whole tie shall be conceded.

#### **15. ORDER OF PLAY**

15.1 There are four permissible orders of play:

15.1.1 Men's singles – Women's singles – Men's doubles – Women's doubles – Mixed doubles

15.1.2 Women's singles - Men's singles - Women's doubles - Men's doubles - Mixed doubles

15.1.3 Mixed doubles - Men's singles – Women's singles – Men's doubles – Women's doubles

15.1.4 Mixed doubles - Women's singles - Men's singles - Women's doubles - Men's doubles

15.2 Orders of play 15.1.1 to 15.1.4 will be considered in turn and the first order of play will be used which has no player playing in two consecutive matches.

15.3 If all four orders of play, 15.1.1 to 15.1.4 result in a player playing in two consecutive matches the order of play 15.1.1 will be used.

#### **16. PENALTIES**

16.1 The Referee shall have power to disqualify at any stage of the Championships:

16.1.1 any team which has seriously failed to comply with the regulations set in this Appendix, the BE Rules or other BE Regulations or the BWF Regulations and has by doing so harmed or endangered the fairness of the competition (breach of a regulation which anticipates an administrative fine is not considered as a serious failure to comply with the regulations); or

16.1.2 a player, or a team that includes a player, breaching the Anti-Doping Regulations.

16.2 If a player or a team is disqualified, such a player or a team may also be penalised by a fine, ban from competition and return of awarded prizes.

16.3 Any participant (Member Association, Player, Team or Official) failing to comply with the regulations set in this Appendix may be penalised following the Badminton Europe's Disciplinary Regulations.

16.4 The possible penalties shall be:

16.4.1 administrative fines, imposed by Badminton Europe's Director for Sport,

16.4.2 any penalty as defined by the Badminton Europe's Disciplinary Regulations.

## **17. CLOTHING REGULATIONS**

17.1 Clothing must comply with the existing BWF Regulations.

17.2 Colour of players clothing's;

17.2.1 In team matches players must wear team colours. That is each player must wear the same colour and design of shirts and shorts (or other equivalent articles of clothing).

17.2.2 It is mandatory that the opposing teams in each tie wear different colours from each other.

17.3 Player names;

17.3.1 The name of the player on the back of the shirt is optional.

17.4 Association names;

17.4.1 The name of the player's country on the back of the shirt is mandatory.

## **18. ADVERTISING ON PLAYERS' CLOTHING**

18.1 Advertising on players' clothing must comply with the existing BWF Regulations.

## **19. MISCELLANEOUS**

19. 1 The Badminton Europe Council interprets any dubious regulations included in this document. If a quick decision is needed, Badminton Europe's Director for Sport may make an interpretation which is valid until the decision by the Badminton Europe Council is taken.

19.2 Council has power on behalf of Badminton Europe to make and publish amendments to these Regulations. These Regulations and any future amendments take effect on the day following the day of the adoption.

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