

Invitation

to compete in

2016 European U17 Team Championships

To be organised in Lubin, Poland

Venue	Regional Sport Centrum Hall Odrodzenia street 28B 59-300 Lubin Poland
Dates of Championships	17-21 March 2016
Entry fee	Euro 450,- per team. The entry fees are payable after receipt of the invoice.
Team Entry Closing date	Must be made no later than 22 December 2015 . Entries must be made online – <u>click here</u>
Eligibility	All Badminton Europe Member Associations are eligible to compete in the event. Participants in the 2016 European U17 Team Championships shall be restricted to players born in 1999 or later (after special permission given for 1999 players to attend).



Withdrawal	If a Member Association withdraws from the Championships, after the entry deadline, but before the draw, for any reason whatsoever, such a Member Associations shall be liable of paying its entry fee and will be penalised by an administrative fine of 1.000,00 EUR. If a Member Association withdraws from the Championships, after the draw is conducted, for any reason whatsoever, such a Member Associations shall be liable of paying its entry fee and of disciplinary action from BEC's Disciplinary Committee with a maximum fine of 3.000,00 EUR, as per the BEC Disciplinary Regulations, reg. 2.5.
Nomination of players, team managers and other officials	Each competing team must submit nominations of every player it intends to use in the event no later than 1 March 2016 . Player nominations must be submitted online – click here The player nomination will open after the entry deadline has passed, on 23 December 2015. Only nominated players shall be permitted to play in the event as selected players or substitutes. In this connection we draw your attention to the BWF Competition Regulations 8 on International Representation.
Seeding	The seeding will be made according to Appendix VII (Regulations for the European U17 Team Championships) regulation 7.
Tournament webpage	http://events.badmintoneurope.com
Referee	Ivan Skacha (CZE)
Deputy Referees	Cleopatra Monco (ITA), tbc
Committee of Management	Jimmy Andersen (BEC) Zsofia Horvath (BEC), Peter Tarcala (BEC), Ewa Zawadka (POL) and Zorika Tysiak (POL) the Referee.
Host Contact Details	Ewelina Haduch: office@polish-international.com
Shuttles	Yonex AS-50



Stringing	Yonex will provide stringing service for at the event.
Regulations	The Tournament will be played in accordance with the regulations of the Confederation as laid down in Appendix VII – Regulations for the European U17 Team Championships and the Laws and Regulations as adopted by the Badminton World Federation.
	The European U17 Team Championships will be played in a first stage and a final stage.
	The first stage will be played in groups of three, four or five teams where each team plays all the other teams in the same group.
	The group winners, and possibly group runner(-s) up will progress to the final stage.
	After the closing date for entries, but before the conduction of the draw, Badminton Europe shall announce how many group runner(-s) up that progress to the final stage.
	The final stage shall be a knock-out draw with winning teams progressing to the next round until a winner is found.
Format of matches	A team match will consist of 5 matches. 1 men's single, 1 women's single, 1 men's double, 1 women's double and 1 mixed double.
Anti doping testing	According to the existing law in Poland anti-doping testing can be executed on a random basis during the tournament.
Insurance	Any medical treatment necessary away from the sports hall (e.g. at hotels or hospitalisation due to serious illness or injury) is at the players or officials own expense.
	It is recommended that associations of players or individual participants cover these risks by medical insurance.
Accommodation info	For more information about accommodation – go to Badminton Europe's official event website http://events.badmintoneurope.com
	Deadline for booking your accommodation is 25 January 2016 .



Clothing and advertising

Clothing and advertising will be permitted in accordance with the regulations of Badminton Europe's Appendix VII – "European U17 Team Championships", regulations 16 and 17.

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).

In the final stage it is mandatory that the opposing teams in each tie wear different colours from each other.

A team seeded lower or not seeded will be required to wear clothing of a significant different color. Where both teams are seeded the same or are both not seeded the team listed lower in the draw will be required to change the color of clothing.

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

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

The Referee is instructed to pay particular attention to uphold these regulations on clothing.

In applying regulations on clothing and designs and advertising on players' clothing the decision of the Referee shall be final.

Visa Application

It is the responsibility of any nation or player needing a visa to travel to Poland to make sure that visa applications are made not later than 25 January 2016.

Send list of team to: <u>a.bieleniewicz@pzbad.pl</u> Please copy: <u>events@badmintoneurope.com</u>

Organisers are unable to send supporting letters at a late stage and Embassies are no longer prepared to issue "last minute" visas.

The fact that visas cannot be obtained, will NOT be accepted as an excuse for a withdrawal.