

## INVITATION TO COMPETE IN THE 2016 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

### I. GENERAL DETAILS

<b>ORGANIZER</b>	<b>FRENCH BADMINTON FEDERATION (FFBaD)</b> 9-11 avenue Michelet 93583 Saint-Ouen Cedex – France  Website : <a href="http://www.badminton2016.com">www.badminton2016.com</a> (event) <a href="http://www.ffbad.org">www.ffbad.org</a> (federation)		
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<b>SANCTIONING BODY</b>	<b>BADMINTON EUROPE CONFEDERATION (BEC)</b>  Website : <a href="http://badmintoneurope.com">http://badmintoneurope.com</a> Event website : <a href="http://events.badmintoneurope.com">http://events.badmintoneurope.com</a>		
<b>COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT</b>	Brian AGERBAK (BEC), Peter TARCALA (BEC), Jimmy ANDERSEN (BEC), Richard REMAUD (FFBaD), Pascal BILDSTEIN (FFBaD), Louis KNUSMANN (FFBaD), Carsten KOCH (Referee)		
<b>VENUE</b>	<b>VENDÉSPACE</b> Parc de Beaupuy – CS 50 808 85021 La Roche sur Yon Cedex France		
<b>DATES OF CHAMPIONSHIPS</b>	From April 26 <sup>th</sup> to May 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2016		

<b>EVENTS</b>	<b>EVENT</b> MEN'S SINGLES WOMEN'S SINGLES MEN'S DOUBLES WOMEN'S DOUBLES MIXED DOUBLES	<b>MAIN DRAW</b> 48 players 48 players 32 pairs 32 pairs 32 pairs
<b>ENTRY FEE</b>	Euro 30, - per player in single. Euro 50, - per pairs in double events.  The entry fees are payable after receipt of invoice from Badminton Europe.	
<b>ENTRIES</b>	Badminton Europe will conduct the entry using the following timetable : <b>March 3<sup>rd</sup></b> : Deadline for Member Associations to confirm whether or not eligible players/pairs will enter (1 <sup>st</sup> phase). <b>March 8<sup>th</sup></b> : Deadline for Member Associations to confirm whether or not 2 <sup>nd</sup> phase eligible players/pairs will enter. <b>March 11<sup>th</sup></b> : Final deadline for Member Associations to confirm entries. <b>March 14<sup>th</sup></b> : Badminton Europe will announce Wild Card entries (if applicable)  The eligible players/pairs will be determined by Badminton Europe as per the regulations for the European Championships, therefore there will be no entry form as such.	
<b>ELIGIBILITY DATE</b>	The BWF World Ranking list of <b>25<sup>th</sup> February 2016</b> shall be used for deciding eligibility for the 2016 European Championships	
<b>ELIGIBILITY</b>	The BWF World Ranking list of the 'Eligibility Date' shall be used to allocate places in the European Championships.  Regulations 3.2.3 to 3.2.6 in Badminton Europe's "Appendix A: European Championships" shall be considered in turn until a total of 48 players in each of the singles events and 32 doubles pairs in each of the doubles events are allocated, or the entries have been exhausted ( <a href="#">click here</a> ).  A player can only be entered if fulfilling regulation 8 of the BWF General Competition Regulations referring to "International Representation.	
<b>SEEDING DATE</b>	The seeding will be announced on <b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2016</b> using the World Ranking list published day before.	
<b>DRAW DATE</b>	The draw will be conducted on <b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2016</b> .	
<b>TECHNICAL OFFICIALS</b>	<b>Referee :</b> Carsten KOCH – GER Email : <a href="mailto:carsten.koch@gmx.net">carsten.koch@gmx.net</a>  <b>Deputy referees :</b> Ewald CEJNEK – AUT Email : <a href="mailto:ewaldcejnek@gmail.com">ewaldcejnek@gmail.com</a>  Eric LISSILLOUR – FRA Email : <a href="mailto:eric.lissillour@wanadoo.fr">eric.lissillour@wanadoo.fr</a>	
<b>SECURITY</b>	Be informed that because of security matters, people may be controlled before their entrance in the stadium, every day.	

## II. TOURNAMENT CALENDAR & BRIEFINGS SCHEDULES

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE			
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	Round of 64 in men's singles and women's singles Round of 32 in mixed doubles	11 AM – 8 PM	4 courts
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	Round of 32 in men's singles / women's singles / men's doubles / women's doubles	10 AM – 10 PM	4 courts
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	Round of 16	2 PM – 10 PM	4 courts
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	Quarter finals	4 PM – 10 PM	3 courts
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	Semi-finals – Part 1	11 AM – 2 PM	2 courts
	Semi-finals – Part 2	3 PM – 6 PM	2 courts
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Finals	2 PM – 7 PM	1 court
<i>Note : the schedule is subject to change at the discretion of the Referee</i>			

KEY MEETINGS – VENUE : VENDESPACE – VIP LOUNGE		
Team Managers' Briefing	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> April 2016	8 PM
Umpires' Briefing	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> April 2016	9 PM
<i>Note : the dates &amp; times and the venue will be confirmed definitely at the beginning of April. All Team Managers are required to be present at the Team Managers' Briefing.</i>		

## III. COMPETITION DETAILS & REGULATIONS

<b>REGULATIONS</b>	<p>The Tournament will be played in accordance with the regulations of the Confederation as laid down in Appendix I (<a href="#">click here</a>) and the Laws and Regulations as adopted by the Badminton World Federation.</p> <p>The European Championships will be played as a knock out competition.</p>
<b>SCORING SYSTEM</b>	Rally Point System = 3*21 points
<b>COMPETITION REQUIREMENTS AND WARM-UP TIME</b>	<p>All events will be on a strict timetable system. Competitors should be ready to play 30 minutes before their scheduled time. Competitors who are not ready to play at their scheduled time will be disqualified.</p> <p>On the court, before a game, warm-up time is limited to 2 minutes.</p>
<b>SHUTTLECOCKS</b>	YONEX AS-50
<b>DRUG-TESTING</b>	All testing will be carried out in accordance with BWF Anti-doping Regulation.
<b>MEDAL CEREMONIES</b>	<p>All medals will be presented on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May after the respective finals.</p> <p>All medalists are required to be present at the medal ceremonies.</p>

#### IV. CLOTHING & ADVERTISING REGULATIONS

<b>NAMES AND COLOURS</b>	<p>In doubles it is mandatory for doubles partners to wear the same colour.</p> <p>From quarter finals onwards, it is mandatory that opposing players and pairs wear different colours from each other.</p> <p>It is mandatory that the name of the player shall appear on the back of the shirt.</p> <p>It is optional whether the name of the player's association/country shall appear on the back of the shirt.</p> <p>The Referee is instructed to pay particular attention to uphold these regulations on clothing. In applying regulations on clothing the decision of the Referee shall be final.</p>
<b>ADVERTISING</b>	<p>Advertising on players' clothing must comply with the existing BWF Regulations.</p> <p>Advertising for tobacco and alcohol companies is completely forbidden by the French law.</p>
<b>OTHER REGULATIONS</b>	<p>Please refer to the regulations of the BEC Regulations in Appendix I (<a href="#">click here</a>) for additional obligation and regulation concerning clothing.</p>

#### V. SERVICES

<b>PRACTICE FACILITIES</b>	<p>Practice courts will be available from Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April, from 2 PM, at the Vendéspace.</p> <p>Please find all the details in the practice court reservation form available on the BEC website.</p> <p>Deadline for sending in your practice booking form is <b>April 8<sup>th</sup></b>.</p> <p>3 shuttlecocks per player will be provided to Team Managers.</p>
<b>ACCOMMODATION</b>	<p>Accommodation will be managed by Vendée Tourism, provider of the French Federation.</p> <p>Please find all the details in the Teams Book available on the BEC website.</p> <p>Please submit your needs before <b>March 11<sup>th</sup></b>.</p>
<b>TRANSPORTATION</b>	<p>Transportation between Nantes International Airport (NTE), La Roche-sur-Yon train station, and the Official Hotels and the venue will be organized.</p> <p>La Roche-sur-Yon train station can be reached directly from Nantes train station.</p> <p>Please submit your final travel details no later than <b>March 29<sup>th</sup></b>.</p>
<b>ACCREDITATION</b>	<p>In order to facilitate the accreditation process, kindly fill in the Accreditation form and email the form and photograph of players and officials (format : jpeg, 50-100Ko, Portrait format) to :</p>

	<a href="mailto:teamservices@badminton2016.com">teamservices@badminton2016.com</a>  <b>Deadline : March 29<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>VISA APPLICATION</b>	<p>It is the responsibility of any nations or players needing a visa to travel to the France to make sure that visa applications are made not later than <b>March 15<sup>th</sup></b>.</p> <p>Organizers are unable to send supporting letters at a late stage and Embassies are no longer prepared to issue "last minute" visas.</p> <p>The fact that visas cannot be obtained, will not be accepted as an excuse for a withdrawal.</p>
<b>MEDICAL FACILITIES</b>	Medical and physiotherapy services will be provided at the Vendéspace. (free of charge)
<b>PLAYERS LOUNGE</b>	A lounge fully dedicated to the players and the teams is available in the Training Area. All kind of information, about the competition, accommodation, transportation... will be available inside this area.
<b>STRINGING</b>	<p>Badminton Europe's official event sponsor and equipment supplier, YONEX, will provide a stringing service throughout the whole event.</p> <p>Stringing for YONEX players will be free.</p> <p>Stringing for other racket brand will be 15€ (including YONEX string).</p>