

**Invitation**  
**to compete in**  
**2017 European Club Championships**  
**To be organised on behalf of Badminton Europe by**  
**Italian Badminton Association**

<b>Venue</b>	PalaBadminton Via Giovanni Cimabue 24 20148 Milan Italy
<b>Dates</b>	<b>20-24 June 2017 (both days inclusive)</b>
<b>Entry fee</b>	Euro 450,- per team,  Payable after receipt of the invoice by the National Association.
<b>Team Entry Closing date</b>	Entries must be received in the Badminton Europe Office by <b>2 May 2017</b> .  Please send the entries to <a href="mailto:events@badmintoneurope.com">events@badmintoneurope.com</a>  Associations can enter without details of the Club Team if the winner of the national club competition has not yet been decided.
<b>Entries</b>	The entry should, if known, contain the name of the club.  If the national league championships have not yet been decided, the name of the club should be given immediately after the league championships are decided, but no later than <b>30 May 2017</b> .  Entries stating no club name are regarded as valid entries and the usual procedure in case of a withdrawal will be applied.

<b>Withdrawal</b>	<p>If a Member Association withdraws from the Championships, after the entry deadline, but before the draw, 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 1.000,00 €.</p> <p>If a Member Association withdraws from the Championships, after the draw is conducted, for any reason whatsoever, such a Member Association 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 € as per the BEC Disciplinary Regulations, reg. 8.5.</p>
<b>Nomination of players, team managers and other officials</b>	<p>Team nominations must be received by the Badminton Europe Office no later than <b>6 June 2017</b> (please use the nomination form).</p> <p>The nominations must be certified by the relevant National Association, who must satisfy themselves that each player nominated fulfils the conditions for participation (European Club Championships Regulations 11.1).</p> <p>For clarification "team match" shall be defined as a match played as part of the national league.</p>
<b>Tournament webpage</b>	<a href="http://events.badmintoneurope.com/cms/?cmsid=340&amp;pageid=5798">http://events.badmintoneurope.com/cms/?cmsid=340&amp;pageid=5798</a>
<b>Referee</b>	Ivanka Pokorni (CRO)
<b>Deputy Referee</b>	Cleopatra Monco (ITA)
<b>Committee of Management</b>	Peter Tarcala (BEC), Zsafia Horvath (BEC), Luca Crippa (ITA) and the Referee.
<b>Shuttles</b>	YONEX AS-50
<b>Regulations</b>	The Tournament will be played in accordance with the regulations of the Confederation as laid down in Appendix VIII (Regulations for the European Club Championships) and the Laws and Regulations as adopted by the Badminton World Federation.

<b>Medals</b>	<p>All nominated players of the medal winning teams, being present, shall be awarded with medals.</p> <p>In addition, one nominated representative for each of the four medal winning teams shall accompany their team at the prize giving ceremony, and shall receive a token from Badminton Europe for their achievement.</p>
<b>Clothing and advertising</b>	<p>Clothing and advertising will be permitted in accordance with the regulations of the Badminton World Federation (General Competition Regulations 19-23) and in accordance with the regulations for the European Club Championships, regulations 16 and 17.</p> <p>Players must wear team colours - each player must wear the same colour and design of shirts and shorts (or other equivalent articles of clothing). The use of team names on clothing is optional.</p> <p>In applying regulations on clothing and designs and advertising on players' clothing the decision of the Referee shall be final.</p>
<b>Anti-doping testing</b>	<p>According to the existing law in Italy anti-doping testing may be carried out on a random basis at any time.</p>
<b>Insurance</b>	<p>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.</p> <p>It is recommended that associations of players or individual participants cover these risks by medical insurance.</p> <p>Badminton Europe and the Italian Badminton Association cannot be held liable for any unexpected costs incurred the participants in connection with the event, e.g. in connection with cancellation due to unforeseen circumstances.</p> <p>It is recommended that associations of players or individual participants cover these risks by insurance.</p>

<b>Visa Application</b>	<p>It is the responsibility of any nation or player needing a visa to travel to Italy to make sure that visa applications are made not later than <b>6 June 2017</b>.</p> <p>Send list of team to: Luca Crippa, <a href="mailto:luc.crippa@gmail.com">luc.crippa@gmail.com</a> and Badminton Europe <a href="mailto:events@badmintoneurope.com">events@badmintoneurope.com</a></p> <p>Organisers are unable to send supporting letters at a later 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>Host Contact Details</b>	<p>Luca Crippa – <a href="mailto:luc.crippa@gmail.com">luc.crippa@gmail.com</a></p>
<b>Local transportation</b>	<p>Transport shuttle will be provided by the Italian organizers, free of charge, from Milano Linate airport (LIN), between the official tournament hotels and the sports hall.</p> <p>For further travel information and transport information please contact Luca Crippa – <a href="mailto:luc.crippa@gmail.com">luc.crippa@gmail.com</a></p> <p>The Italian organizers are not able to offer transport for those players/teams not staying in the official tournament hotels.</p> <p>The deadline to send the transport booking form to the organizers is <b>6 June 2017</b>.</p>
<b>Accommodation info</b>	<p>For more information about accommodation go to <a href="#">Badminton Europe's official event website</a>.</p> <p>The deadline to send the accommodation requests to the organizers is <b>15 May 2017</b>.</p> <p>Contact person: Luca Crippa - <a href="mailto:luc.crippa@gmail.com">luc.crippa@gmail.com</a></p>