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**Invitation**  
**to compete in**  
**2017 European U17 Team Championships**  
**To be organised in**  
**Prague, Czech Republic**

<b>Venue</b>	Sport Hall Sterboholý U skoly 430 Prague 10 Czech Republic
<b>Dates of Championships</b>	<b>21-25 November 2017</b>
<b>Entry fee</b>	Euro 450,- per team. The entry fees are payable after receipt of the invoice.
<b>Team Entry Closing date</b>	Team entries must be made online no later than <b>5 September 2017</b> at 23.59 via the link below – <a href="https://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/onlineentry/onlineentry.aspx?id=5D3F86AD-0BBF-4AE9-91C1-E97DF418E040">https://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/onlineentry/onlineentry.aspx?id=5D3F86AD-0BBF-4AE9-91C1-E97DF418E040</a>
<b>Eligibility</b>	Player nominations can only be made after the entry deadline has passed. All Badminton Europe Member Associations are eligible to compete in the event. Participants in the 2017 European U17 Team Championships shall be restricted to players born in <b>2001 or later</b> .
<b>Seeding</b>	The seeding will be made according to Appendix VII (Regulations for the European U17 Team Championships) regulation 7.
<b>Tournament webpage</b>	<a href="http://events.badmintoneurope.com/cms/?cmsid=340&amp;pageid=5801">http://events.badmintoneurope.com/cms/?cmsid=340&amp;pageid=5801</a>
<b>Referee</b>	Nicos Vladimirov (CYP)
<b>Deputy Referees</b>	Julien Nys (BEL), Jan Kolar (CZE)
<b>Committee of Management</b>	Zsafia Horvath (BEC), Peter Tarcala (BEC), Jan Mikulka (CZE) and the Referee.



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<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 Associations shall be liable of paying its entry fee and will be penalised by an administrative fine of 1.000,00 EUR.</p> <p>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. 8.5.</p>
<b>Nomination of players, team managers and other officials</b>	<p>Each competing team must submit nominations of every player it intends to use in the event no later than <b>7 November 2017</b> at 23:59 CET, using the same link as for making the team entry (see page 1). Only nominated players shall be permitted to play in the event as selected players or substitutes. No additional players can be added after the player nomination deadline.</p> <p>In this connection, we draw your attention to the BWF Competition Regulations 8 on International Representation.</p>
<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>Format of matches</b>	<p>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.</p>
<b>Shuttles</b>	<p>YONEX AS-50</p>
<b>Stringing</b>	<p>YONEX will provide stringing service for at the event.</p>
<b>Anti-doping testing</b>	<p>According to the existing law in Poland anti-doping testing can be executed on a random basis during the tournament.</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. It is recommended that associations of players or individual participants cover these risks by medical insurance.</p>



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<b>Regulations</b>	<p>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.</p> <p>The European U17 Team Championships will be played in a first stage and a final stage.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The final stage shall be a knock-out draw with winning teams progressing to the next round until a winner is found.</p> <p>The draw for the final stage shall be conducted at the Team Managers' Meeting held immediately after the conclusion of the group stage.</p>
<b>Clothing and advertising</b>	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The name of the player on the back of the shirt is optional. <i>(Please be in line with BWF regulations concerning lettering height).</i></p> <p>The name of the player's country on the back of the shirt is mandatory.</p> <p>The Referee is instructed to pay particular attention to uphold these regulations on clothing.</p> <p>In applying regulations on clothing and designs and advertising on players' clothing the decision of the Referee shall be final.</p>



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<b>Accommodation info</b>	For more information about accommodation visit <a href="#">Badminton Europe's official event website</a> .  The deadline for booking your accommodation is <b>15 October 2017</b> .
<b>Transportation info</b>	The deadline for booking your transport is <b>25 October 2017</b> . The official pick-up point is the Vaclav Havel Airport Prague (PRG). Pick up from the main bus or railway station is upon request. There will be a shuttle service between the hotels and venue and between the venue and practice hall during the whole event.
<b>Visa Application</b>	It is the responsibility of any nation or player needing a visa to travel to Czech Republic to make sure that visa applications are made not later than <b>15 October 2017</b> .  Send list of team to: Hana Prochazkova, email address: <a href="mailto:badminton@cusczech.cz">badminton@cusczech.cz</a> Please copy: <a href="mailto:events@badmintoneurope.com">events@badmintoneurope.com</a>  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.