

EUROPEAN MEN'S & WOMEN'S TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

APPENDIX III



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REGULATIONS FOR THE EUROPEAN MEN'S & WOMEN'S TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. DEFINITION

1.1 The European Men's & Women's Team Championships shall be played in even years and Member Associations of Badminton Europe shall be entitled to take part.

1.2 The event is the European Qualification Stage for the World Men's and Women's Team Championships, competing for the Thomas and Uber Cup. The number of qualifying teams is decided in accordance with BWF's regulations for the Thomas and Uber Cup.

1.3 The first ranked team shall be entitled to call itself winners of the European Men's or Women's Team Championships, as appropriate.

1.4 All nominated players of the winning teams, being present, shall be presented with gold medals, all nominated players of the second ranked teams, being present, shall be presented with silver medals and all nominated players of the teams losing the semi-finals, being present, shall be presented with bronze medals. All such medals shall be suitably inscribed.

1.5 One nominated representative for each of the eight medal winning teams shall accompany his/her team at the medal ceremony, and shall receive a token from Badminton Europe for his/her team's achievement.

1.6 The European Men's Team Champions and European Women's Team Champions shall be awarded a trophy which they can keep in possession.

2. PRELIMINARY ARRANGEMENTS

2.1 Any Member Association may apply to stage the European Men's & Women's Team Championships and such application shall be sent to Badminton Europe.

2.2 The allocation of the Championships shall be made by the Badminton Europe Board of Directors at a date of its choosing.

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

3. RIGHTS

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.

4. RESPONSIBILITIES & FINANCE

4.1 The Board of Directors shall allocate responsibility for hosting the Championships 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 Men's & Women's 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 organising Association is exempted from paying an entry fee for its participating team(s).

4.6 If a Member Association withdraws a team (or both teams) 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 be penalised by an administrative fine of 1.500,00 EUR per team.

4.7 If a Member Association withdraws a team (or both teams) 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 up to 5.000,00 EUR per team, as per the BEC Disciplinary Regulations, reg. 8.5.

4.8 If a team arrives late or departs early, for any reason whatsoever, and such 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.

4.9 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 Men's & Women's 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 Referee and Deputy Referee(s) shall be appointed by Badminton Europe.

5.4 Umpires shall be appointed by Badminton Europe.

5.5 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 Championships, 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 made online not later than the closing date notified in the invitation.

6.3 The Board of Directors 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)

7. SEEDING

7.1 Seeding at the first stage

7.2 The strongest teams shall be seeded in order and one seeded team be placed in each Group.

7.3 The seeding will be done based on a World Ranking. The date of the World Ranking to be used will be announced in the invitation. Seeding shall be done by Badminton Europe.

7.4. For each team a sum of World Ranking points will be calculated as shown in the tables below but only taking into account players eligible for international representation of the country.

7.4.1 Men's Teams

Player	Calculation	Note
1. Men's singles	WR points	WR: World Ranking
2. Men's singles	WR points	
3. Men's singles	WR points	
1. Men's doubles player	WR/NR points divided by two	NR: Notional Ranking
2. Men's doubles player	WR/NR points divided by two	
3. Men's doubles player	WR/NR points divided by two	
4. Men's doubles player	WR/NR points divided by two	

7.4.2 Women's Teams

Player	Calculation	Note
1. Women's singles	WR points	WR: World Ranking
2. Women's singles	WR points	
3. Women's singles	WR points	
1. Women's doubles player	WR/NR points divided by two	NR: Notional Ranking
2. Women's doubles player	WR/NR points divided by two	
3. Women's doubles player	WR/NR points divided by two	
4. Women's doubles player	WR/NR points divided by two	

7.5 For the doubles players notional ranking will be used.

7.6 The team with the most points will be top seeded; the team with second most points will be second seeded etc.

7.7 The number of teams seeded will be equivalent to the number of groups.

8. METHOD OF COMPETITION

8.1 The European Men's & Women's Team Championships shall be played in a first stage and a final stage in accordance with the regulations 8.2 to 8.9.

8.2 First stage

8.3 In the first stage all teams shall play in groups of three, four or five teams where teams play all other teams in the same group. An overall ranking order in the group shall be achieved.

8.4 Ranking order in the groups;

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

8.4.2 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.

8.4.3 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.

8.4.4 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.

8.4.5 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.

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

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

8.7 The group winners, and possibly group runner(-s) up, progress to the final stage.

8.7.1 The best group runner(-s) up listed under 8.7 shall be found by taking the following in consideration, in listed order:

- Tie difference
- Match difference
- Game difference
- Point difference
- Draw by lots

8.7.2 The in 8.7.1 only applies if there is the same number of teams in each group. If there is a difference in the number of teams in the groups, the lowest ranked team in the groups with most teams, will not be taken into the calculation.

8.7.3 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.

8.8 Final stage

8.8.1 The draw for the final stage shall be conducted at a Team Managers' Meeting held immediately after the conclusion of the group stage.

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

8.9 Final stage draw procedure

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

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

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

8.9.4 The remaining four teams progressing to the final stage, listed under 8.7, will be drawn into the knock-out draw on random basis, after taking 8.9.5 into consideration.

8.9.5 Two teams progressing from the same group cannot be drawn in the same half of the knock-out draw.

9. RESPONSIBILITY OF REFEREE

9.1 The responsibilities of the Referee in the Championships are:

9.1.1 to be in charge of the Championships;

9.1.2 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;

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

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

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

10. QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS

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

11. TEAM MANAGER

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

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

11.3 As soon as appointed, the name of the manager shall be notified to Badminton Europe.

11.4 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.

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

12. NOMINATION OF TEAMS

12.1 Each competing Member Association shall, at least 14 days before the date fixed for the commencement of play in the Championships, nominate to Badminton Europe not fewer than four and not more than twelve 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.

12.2 Teams shall be required to play ties comprising:

Men's Teams:

Three men's singles;
Two men's doubles;

Women's Teams:

Three women's singles;
Two women's doubles;

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

12.3.1 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.

12.3.2 Failure to submit a team composition in accordance with 12.3.1 shall result in an administrative fine of 250,00 EUR.

12.4 The Referee may, upon the request of the team's Team Manager, allow a substitute or substitutes for a player who, in the opinion of the Referee, is incapacitated by illness, accident or other unavoidable hindrance, provided that:

12.4.1 the team that plays after the substitution/-s conforms to the initially nominated ranking order/-s for singles and doubles;

12.4.2 any substitute player/pair is lower ranked the player/pair being replaced (if necessary re-ordering the remaining players/pairs);

12.5 No substitution shall be made after a tie has begun.

13. CONSTITUTION OF MATCHES AND TEAMS

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

13.1.1 In the first stage all five matches of each tie shall be played.

13.1.2 In the final stage each tie shall be stopped when the tie is decided.

13.2 In singles, each team shall play its three players according to the nominated order of strength.

13.3 In doubles, each team shall play its two pairs according to the nominated order of strength.

13.4 No player shall play in more than one singles and one doubles match.

14. ORDER OF PLAY

14.1 There are eight permissible order of play:

14.1.1 First singles – first doubles – second singles – second doubles – third singles

14.1.2 First singles – second doubles – second singles – first doubles – third singles

14.1.3 First singles – second singles- first doubles – third singles – second doubles

14.1.4 First singles – second singles – second doubles – third singles – first doubles

14.1.5 First singles – second singles – third singles – first doubles – second doubles

14.1.6 First singles – second singles – third singles – second doubles – first doubles

14.1.7 First singles – first doubles – second singles – third singles – second doubles

14.1.8 First singles – second doubles – second singles – third singles – first doubles

14.2 Orders of play 14.1.1 to 14.1.8 will be considered in turn and the first order of play will be used which has no player playing in two consecutive matches or playing doubles before singles.

14.3. If all eight orders of play, 14.1.1 to 14.1.8 result in a player playing in two consecutive matches or playing doubles before singles, order of play 14.1.5 will be used.

15. PENALTIES

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

15.1.1 any team which has seriously failed to comply with the regulations set in this Appendix, the BEC Rules or other BEC 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

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

15.2 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.

15.3 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.

15.4 The possible penalties shall be:

15.4.1 administrative fines, imposed by the Chairman of Badminton Europe's Major Events Commission,

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

16. CLOTHING REGULATIONS

16.1 Clothing must comply with the existing BWF Regulations.

16.2 Colour of players' clothing;

16.2.1 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).

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

16.2.3 The team ranked lower on an overall ranking list produced and announced by Badminton Europe in connection with the seeding will be required to wear clothing of a significant different colour.

16.3 Player names;

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

16.4 Association names;

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

17. ADVERTISING ON PLAYERS' CLOTHING

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

18. MISCELLANEOUS

18.1 The Badminton Europe Board of Directors interprets any dubious regulations included in this document. If a quick decision is needed, the Chairman of Badminton Europe's Major Events Commission may make an interpretation which is valid until the decision by the Badminton Europe Board of Directors is taken.

18.2 The Board of Directors 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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