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Invitation
to compete in
2018 European Men's & Women's Team Championships
To be organised on behalf of Badminton Europe by
the National Badminton Federation of Russia

Venue	Gymnastics Center Kazan 6 Syrtlanovoy Str. Kazan Republic of Tatarstan Russian Federation
Dates of Championships	13-18 February 2018. The group stage will be played on 13-15 February The final stage (Quarter-finals, Semi-finals and Finals) will be played on 16-18 February.
Entry fee	Euro 300,- if entering one team. Euro 400,- if entering two teams. The entry fees are payable after receipt of the invoice.
Team Entry Closing date	Entries must be made no later than 21 November 2017. Entries must be made online – click here



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Eligibility	<p>All Badminton Europe Member Associations are eligible to compete in the event.</p> <p>Each Member Association can enter a maximum of one male team and one female team.</p> <p>In this connection we draw your attention to the BWF Competition Regulations 8 on International Representation.</p>
Withdrawal	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
Nomination of players, team managers and other officials	<p>Team nominations must be submitted no later than 23 January 2018.</p> <p>Team nominations must be submitted online – click here</p> <p>Each competing Member Association shall nominate not fewer than four players and not more than twelve players per entered team.</p> <p>Only nominated players shall be permitted to play as selected players or substitutes. No additional players can be nominated after the deadline listed above.</p> <p>All players nominated must be listed in order of singles strength. Players having a World Ranking position in BWF World Ranking of 18 January 2018 will automatically be ranked higher by the software, while the remaining players will be ranked as nominated by the association. This order cannot be changed at a later stage.</p>



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Seeding date	Seeding will be done according to the BWF World Ranking of 23 November 2017.
Tournament webpage	http://events.badmintoneurope.com/cms/?cmsid=340&pageid=5803
Referee	Pencho Stoynov (BUL)
Deputy Referees	Barbara Fryer (SUI), Erik Ligtoet (NED) and Christos Evangelidis (GRE)
Committee of Management	Brian Agerbak (BEC), Peter Tarcala (BEC), Jimmy Andersen (BEC), Andrey Antropov (RUS), Yury Chaplygin (RUS) and the Referee.
Shuttles	Yonex AS-50
Stringing	Yonex will provide a stringing service at the event.
Regulations	The Tournament will be played in accordance with the Badminton Europe regulations as laid down in Appendix III (Regulations for the European Men's & Women's Team Championships) and the Laws and Regulations as adopted by the Badminton World Federation.
Anti doping testing	Anti-doping testing may be carried out on a random basis at any time, as per BWF and WADA regulations.
Insurance	<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>
Format of matches	A team match will consist of 5 matches – 3 singles and 2 doubles.



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Clothing and advertising	<p>Clothing and advertising will be permitted in accordance with the regulations for European Men's & Women's Team Championships (Regulations 16-17).</p> <p>Players must wear team colours; that is, each player must wear the same colour of shirts and shorts (or other equivalent articles of clothing).</p> <p>It is mandatory that the opposing teams in each tie wear different colours from each other.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The name of the player's association/country on the back of the shirt is <u>mandatory</u>.</p> <p>The name of the player on the back of the shirt is <u>optional</u>.</p> <p>In applying regulations on clothing and designs and advertising on players' clothing the decision of the Referee shall be final.</p>
Visa Application	<p>It is the responsibility of any nation or player needing a visa to travel to the Russian Federation to make sure that visa applications are made not later than 5 January 2018.</p> <p>For more information about the visa application process, go to Badminton Europe's event website.</p> <p>Organisers 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>
Accommodation info	<p>For more information about accommodation – go to Badminton Europe's event website.</p>