



**Invitation
to compete in
2018 European Championships
To be organised in
Huelva, Spain**

Venue	Palacio de Deportes Av. de las Fuerzas Armadas 6 21007 Huelva Spain
Dates of Championships	24-29 April 2018
Tournament websites	http://events.badminton-europe.com/cms/?cmsid=340&pageid=5797 http://huelva2018.badminton.es
Entry fee	Euro 30, - per player in singles and Euro 50, - per pair in doubles. The entry fees are payable after receipt of the invoice.
Entries	Badminton Europe will conduct the entry using the following timetable: 1 March 2018 – Deadline for Member Associations to confirm whether or not eligible players/pairs will enter. 6 March 2018 – Deadline for Member Association to confirm whether or not 2 nd phase players/pairs will enter. 11 March 2018 – Final deadline for Member Associations to confirm entries. 13 March 2018 – 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.
Eligibility Date	The BWF World Ranking list of 22 February 2018 shall be used for deciding eligibility for the European Championships.



Eligibility	<p>The BWF World Ranking list of the “Eligibility Date” shall be used to allocate places in the European Championships.</p> <p>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.</p>
Seeding Date	<p>The seeding will be announced on Friday 6 April 2018 using the World Ranking list published day before.</p>
Draw Date	<p>The draw will be conducted on Tuesday 10 April 2018.</p>
Referee	<p>Carsten Koch (GER)</p>
Deputy Referees	<p>Joao Fragoso (POR), Carmen Martinez (ESP)</p>
Committee of Management	<p>Jimmy Andersen (BEC), Brian Agerbak (BEC), Peter Tarcala (BEC), Alberto Carazo (ESP), David Cabello (ESP), Dolores Moreno (ESP) and the Referee.</p>
Shuttles	<p>YONEX AS-50</p>
Stringing	<p>Badminton Europe’s official event partner and equipment supplier, YONEX, will provide stringing service throughout the whole event.</p>
Anti-doping testing	<p>According to the existing law in Spain anti-doping testing can be executed on a random basis during the tournament.</p>
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>
Regulations	<p>The Tournament will be played in accordance with the regulations of the Confederation as laid down in Appendix I (Regulations for European Championships) 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>



Clothing and advertising

Clothing and advertising will be permitted in accordance with the regulations of the Confederation as laid down in Appendix I (Regulations for European Championships).

In singles matches it is mandatory that, from the quarter finals onwards, the opposing players in each match wear different colours from each other.

The player ranked lower on the BWF World Ranking used for the seeding will be required to wear clothing of a significant different colour. Where both players have the same or no ranking, the player listed lower in the draw will be required to change the colour of clothing.

In doubles matches it is mandatory for doubles partners to wear the same colour. It is mandatory that, from the quarter finals onwards, the opposing pairs in each match wear different colours from each other.

The pair ranked lower on the BWF World Ranking used for the seeding will be required to wear clothing of a significant different colour. Where both pairs have the same or no ranking, the player listed lower in the draw will be required to change the colour of clothing.

It is mandatory that the name of the player shall appear on the back of the shirt.

It is optional whether the name of the player's association/country shall appear on the back of the shirt.

The Referee is instructed to pay particular attention to uphold these regulations on clothing. In applying regulations on clothing and designs and advertising on players' clothing the decision of the Referee shall be final.



Transport, accreditation, accommodation and practice	<p>Transport to/from the airport and accommodation (accommodation.huelva2018@badminton.es), and accreditation (accreditation.huelva2018@badminton.es) must be made online no later than 15 March.</p> <p>Go to the official tournament website http://huelva2018.badminton.es for more information about cancellation policy, officials forms and official contacts.</p> <p>Practice booking form will be made available on http://events.badmintoneurope.com</p>
International airport	<p>Transport will be provided from Seville International Airport and Faro (Portugal) International Airport for all participants booking accommodation through the organization.</p>
Visa Application	<p>It is the responsibility of any nation or player needing a visa to travel to Spain to make sure that visa applications are made not later than 15 March (info.huelva2018@badminton.es).</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>
Medal ceremonies	<p>All medals will be presented on Sunday 29 April 2018 after the respective finals. All medalists are required to be present at the medal ceremonies.</p>
Team Managers’ Meeting	<p>The Team Managers’ Meeting will be held Monday 23 April 2018 at 20.00 in the venue, Palacio de Deportes. All participating associations must be present at the meeting.</p>