

Invitation

to compete in

2018 European Club Championships

To be organised on behalf of Badminton Europe by the

Polish Badminton Association

Venue	Sports Hall of Agricultural School Complex St. Suchowolca 26 15-567 Białystok Poland
Dates	19-23 June 2018 (both days inclusive)
Entry fee	Euro 450,- per team,
	Payable after receipt of the invoice by the National Association.
Team Entry Closing date	Entries must be received in the Badminton Europe Office by 1 May 2018.
	Please send the entries to events@badmintoneurope.com
	Associations can enter without details of the Club Team if the winner of the national club competition has not yet been decided.
Entries	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 29 May 2018 .
	Entries stating no club name are regarded as valid entries and the usual procedure in case of a withdrawal will be applied.



Withdrawal	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 €. 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.
Nomination of players, team managers and other officials	Team nominations must be received by the Badminton Europe Office no later than 5 June 2018 (please use the nomination form). 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). For clarification "team match" shall be defined as a match played as part of the national league.
Tournament webpage	http://events.badmintoneurope.com/cms/?cmsid=340&pageid=5798
Referee	lan Ross (ENG)
Deputy Referee	Tomasz Rogowski (POL)
Committee of Management	Peter Tarcala (BEC), Jimmy Andersen (BEC), Pawel Lenkiewicz (POL) and the Referee.
Shuttles	YONEX AS-50
Regulations	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.



Medals	All nominated players of the medal winning teams, being present, shall be awarded with medals. 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.
Clothing and advertising	Clothing and advertising will be permitted in accordance with the regulations of the Badminton World Federation (General Competition Regulations 20-24) and in accordance with the regulations for the European Club Championships, regulations 16 and 17. 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. In applying regulations on clothing and designs and advertising on players' clothing the decision of the Referee shall be final.
Anti-doping testing	According to the existing law in Poland anti-doping testing may be carried out on a random basis at any time.
Insurance	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. Badminton Europe and the Polish 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. It is recommended that associations of players or individual participants cover these risks by insurance.



Visa Application	It is the responsibility of any nation or player needing a visa to travel to Poland to make sure that visa applications are made not later than 15 May 2018. Send list of team to: Badminton Europe events@badmintoneurope.com Organisers are unable to send supporting letters at a later 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.
Local transportation	Transport shuttle will be provided by the Polish organizers, free of charge, from Warsaw Chopin Airport (WAW), between the official tournament hotels and the sports hall. The Polish organizers are not able to offer transport for those players/teams not staying in the official tournament hotels.
Accommodation info	For more information about accommodation go to <u>Badminton</u> <u>Europe's official event website</u> .