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**Invitation**  
**to compete in**  
**2020 European Men's & Women's Team Championships**  
**To be organised on behalf of Badminton Europe by**  
**the French Badminton Association**

<b>Venue</b>	Arena Stade Couvert de Liévin Chemin des Manufactures, 62800 Liévin France
<b>Dates of Championships</b>	<b>11-16 February 2020.</b>  The group stage will be played on 11-13 February. The final stage (Quarter-finals, Semi-finals and Finals) will be played on 14-16 February.
<b>Meetings</b>	Team Managers meeting: Monday 10 February 2020 at 20.00 in the conference room at the venue. Technical Official briefing: Monday 10 February 2020 at 21.00 in the conference room at the venue.
<b>Organization contact</b>	Badminton Europe Confederation: <a href="mailto:events@badmintoneurope.com">events@badmintoneurope.com</a> Local organizer: <a href="mailto:info@badminton2020.com">info@badminton2020.com</a>
<b>Tournament websites</b>	<a href="http://events.badmintoneurope.com/cms/?cmsid=340&amp;pageid=5803">http://events.badmintoneurope.com/cms/?cmsid=340&amp;pageid=5803</a> <a href="https://www.badminton2020.com/uk/home">https://www.badminton2020.com/uk/home</a>
<b>Referee</b>	Ewald Cejnek (AUT)
<b>Deputy Referees</b>	Nicos Vladimirov (CYP), Jean-Marc Chancerel (FRA) and Laufey Sigurdardottir (ISL)



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<b>Committee of Management</b>	Brian Agerbak (BEC), Jimmy Andersen (BEC), Tamara Geeraerts (BEC), Pascal Bildstein (FFBaD), Pierre Lusset (FFBaD) and the Referee.
<b>Entry fee</b>	Euro 300,- if entering one team. Euro 400,- if entering two teams.  The entry fees are payable after receipt of the invoice.
<b>Team Entry Closing date</b>	Entries must be made no later than <b>19 November 2019</b> .  Entries must be made online using the following link: <a href="https://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/sport/tournament.aspx?id=D912EA28-F825-469A-8FB4-5E4137C7B7D7">https://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/sport/tournament.aspx?id=D912EA28-F825-469A-8FB4-5E4137C7B7D7</a>
<b>Eligibility</b>	All Badminton Europe Member Associations are eligible to compete in the event.  Each Member Association can enter a maximum of one male team and one female team.  In this connection we draw your attention to the BWF Competition Regulations 6 on International Representation.
<b>Withdrawal</b>	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.  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.
<b>Seeding</b>	Seeding will be done according to the BWF World Ranking of 19 November 2019. The seeding will be published on 27 November 2019.



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<b>Draw</b>	<p>The draw of the group stage will be conducted and published on 3 December 2019.</p>
<b>Nomination of players</b>	<p>Team nominations must be submitted no later than <b>3 February 2020</b>.</p> <p>Team nominations must be submitted online using the following link:  <a href="https://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/sport/tournament.aspx?id=D912EA28-F825-469A-8FB4-5E4137C7B7D7">https://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/sport/tournament.aspx?id=D912EA28-F825-469A-8FB4-5E4137C7B7D7</a></p> <p>Each competing Member Association shall nominate not fewer than four players and not more than twelve players per entered team. 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 21 January 2020 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> <p>Compliance with GCR 7.9: <i>“In making or authorising entries, the Member concerned is reconfirming its acceptance, and acceptance by the Players being entered, of the BWF’s regulations and Disciplinary processes.”</i></p>
<b>Format of matches</b>	<p>A team match will consist of 5 matches – 3 singles and 2 doubles.</p>
<b>Shuttles</b>	<p>Yonex AS-50</p>
<b>Stringing</b>	<p>Yonex will provide a stringing service at the event.</p>
<b>Regulations</b>	<p>The Tournament will be played in accordance with the Badminton Europe regulations as laid down in Appendix III (Regulations for the European Men’s &amp; Women’s Team Championships) and the Laws and Regulations as adopted by the Badminton World Federation.</p>



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<p><b>Doping control</b></p>	<p>Anti-doping testing may be carried out on a random basis at any time, as per BWF and WADA regulations.</p> <p>Doping control in badminton, in accordance with BWF Anti-Doping Regulations, is conducted out-of-competition and in-competition with the collection of urine and/or blood samples.</p> <p>Athletes are responsible for any substance found in their body. Before an athlete takes any medication, they should check with their doctor, and if necessary, get a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE).</p> <p>For more information about anti-doping, please visit the BWF website: <a href="https://corporate.bwfbadminton.com/integrity/anti-doping-overview/">https://corporate.bwfbadminton.com/integrity/anti-doping-overview/</a></p>
<p><b>Badminton Integrity</b></p>	<p>Section 2.4 of the BWF Statutes (Code of Conduct in Relation to Betting, Wagering and Irregular Match Results) relates to anti-corruption and anti-match manipulation, and this code applies to all participants at this tournament.</p> <p>To protect the integrity of BWF sanctioned tournaments, participants are not allowed to bet in any way on badminton matches, respect the principle of fair play, and shall not attempt to influence the course or result of a game or match.</p> <p>Every person has an obligation to report to the BWF any approaches by anyone to gather inside information or to change the outcome of a matches.</p> <p>For more information, please refer to BWF's website: <a href="https://corporate.bwfbadminton.com/integrity/anti-match-fixing-overview/">https://corporate.bwfbadminton.com/integrity/anti-match-fixing-overview/</a></p>
<p><b>Insurance</b></p>	<p>Please make sure that players (and all members of the national delegation or officials) are insured for any damage caused to third parties of any nature (liability insurance contract). Insurance shall also cover the risk of bodily injury, including medical and hospitalization expenses incurred within the host country (France), and all expenses and costs needed for medical repatriation to their country of residence.</p>



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<p><b>Clothing and advertising</b></p>	<p>Clothing and advertising will be permitted in accordance with the regulations for European Men's &amp; Women's Team Championships (Regulations 16-17).</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).</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>
<p><b>Visa Application</b></p>	<p>It is the responsibility of any nation or player needing a visa to travel to France to make sure that visa applications are made not later than <b>10 December 2019</b>.</p> <p><i>For more information about the visa application process, go to Badminton Europe's event website.</i></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>
<p><b>Accommodation</b></p>	<p><i>For more information about accommodation – go to Badminton Europe's event website.</i></p>



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<p><b>Transport</b></p>	<p>Transfers to official hotels, airport, train stations and venue are provided for people staying in official hotels.</p> <p><b>Airport and Train Stations concerned are:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Airport:</b> Lille Lesquin Airport (LIL)</li> <li>▪ <b>Train stations:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lens Station (direct train from Paris)</li> <li>• Arras Station (direct train from Paris and Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport (CDG))</li> <li>• Lille Flandres Station (direct train from Paris and Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport (CDG))</li> <li>• Lille Europe Station (direct train from Paris and Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport (CDG))</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><i>For more information about transport – go to Badminton Europe’s event website.</i></p>
<p><b>Catering</b></p>	<p>A restaurant for players and team officials as well as all members of the organisation will be opened every day at the venue, for lunch and dinner, from Sunday 9 February to Sunday 16 February.</p> <p>The price for each meal will be 14 €: starter + main course + dessert and water.</p> <p>To benefit from the restaurant, pre order will have to be made before your arrival.</p> <p><i>For more information about catering – go to Badminton Europe’s event website.</i></p>
<p><b>Accreditations</b></p>	<p>In addition to the players’ accreditations, complimentary accreditation badges will be issued to nominated team officials. Maximum 4 accreditations will be issued per entered team.</p> <p>Extra accreditations will be charged at 80 € per piece.</p> <p><i>For more information about accreditation – go to Badminton Europe’s event website.</i></p>



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<b>Practice Facilities</b>	<i>For more information about practice facilities – go to Badminton Europe’s event website.</i>
<b>Medical facilities</b>	Full medical and physiotherapy services will be provided at the venue from 11 to 16 February, free of charge for players.
<b>Player’s lounge</b>	A lounge fully dedicated to the players and the teams is available near the changing rooms of the venue. All kind of information about the competition, accommodation, transport, etc. will be available in this area.
<b>Team’s camera</b>	Dedicated space for team’s cameras will be set up in the concourse of the venue.  <i>For more information about camera setup – go to Badminton Europe’s event website.</i>
<b>Media enquiry</b>	Please contact: <a href="mailto:media@badminton2020.com">media@badminton2020.com</a>